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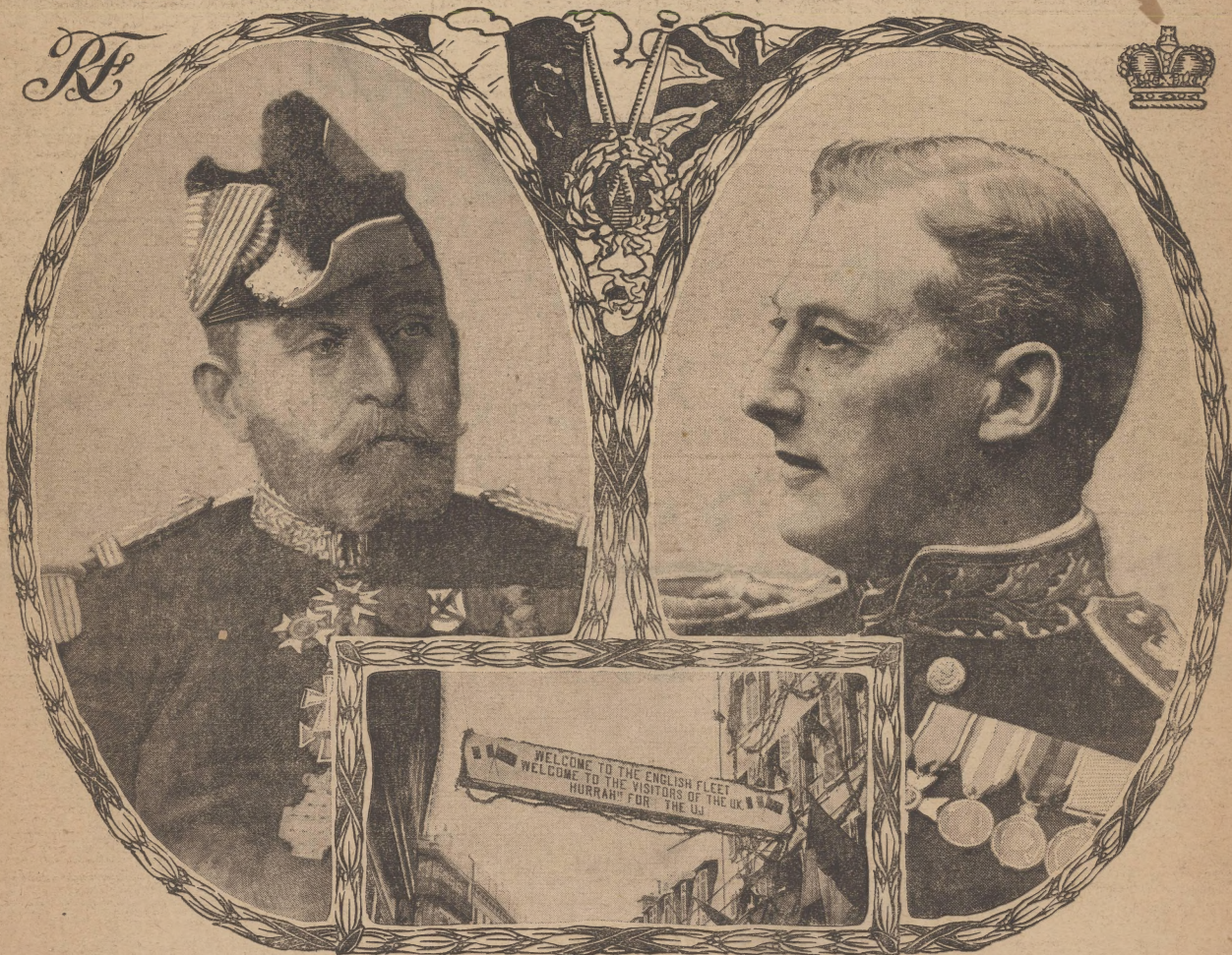
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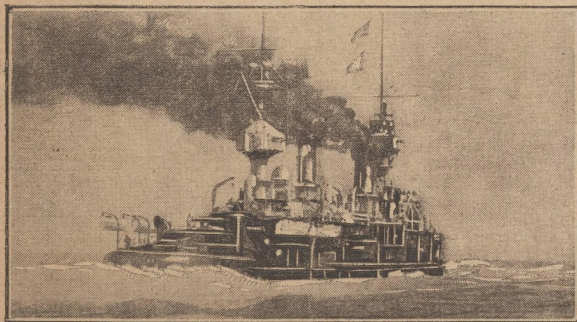
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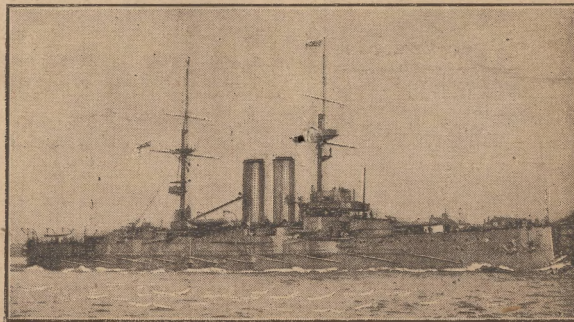
FRANCE WELCOMES THE BRITISH ATLANTIC FLEET AT BREST.



Vice-Admiral Caillard (on the left), commanding the French Northern Squadron, assembled at Brest to-day to greet the British naval guests of France. Vice-Admiral Sir William H. May (on the right), in command of the Atlantic Fleet which is visiting Brest as an expression of the "entente cordiale." The small photograph shows one of the many banners bearing expressions of welcome displayed in the streets of the French naval port.—(Russell and Bougault.)



The first-class battleship Masséna, flagship of the French Northern Squadron.



The first-class battleship King Edward VII, flagship of the British Atlantic Fleet.







## FRANCE WELCOMES BRITISH FLEET.

Splendid Reception Given to  
Our Tars at Brest.

## FRIENDLY LIBATIONS.

Admirals Exchange Sentiments  
Over a Bottle of Champagne.

A striking demonstration of the friendship now existing between the two great nations was given yesterday, when a great British fleet was cordially welcomed by the representatives of France at Brest.

The representatives of the town and the officers of the French warships in the splendid harbour vied with each other in their compliments to their visitors.

Ships and town were gaily decorated in honour of the event, and the thunder of guns and the cheers of the people added to the impressiveness of the welcome.

The Atlantic squadron of eight battleships, headed by the King Edward VII., the most powerful fighting ship in the world, will remain in the harbour for a week, and during that time they will be lavishly entertained by their warm-hearted hosts.

## CORDIAL FRENCH WELCOME.

French Warships Steam Out To Greet the  
English Fleet.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BREST, Monday.—The town has made elaborate preparations to welcome the English Fleet.

It is curious to watch the attitude of the inhabitants, who are, of course, Bretons, whose fathers for generations fought against the British. They regard with great curiosity the British sailors and marines.

At an early hour this morning the town assumed a holiday appearance, and crowds wended their way to points of vantage to watch the arrival of the fleet. Among the thousands of visitors to the town are many English, and curiously enough many Germans have come to see the English Fleet.

### GREETING THE ENGLISH FLEET.

As early as five o'clock two French destroyers, together with one of the Government harbour steamers, on board of which were eleven pilots, went out to meet the British Fleet. The destroyers were accompanied by a score of excursion steamers, private steam yachts, and motor-boats, all gaily decorated with flags.

The meeting between the destroyers and the British fleet took place about twenty miles from land. The French saluted by dipping their flags, and the eleven pilots were taken aboard the British warships. Then the destroyers veered round and led the British Fleet towards Brest.

At 1.30 the fleet in single file arrived off Brest, and on reaching the breakwater the British flag Edward the Seventh flew the French flag and fired a salute of twenty-one guns, which was immediately replied to by one of the French batteries. The British flag-ship then saluted Admiral Caillaud's flag with fifteen guns, to which the French flag-ship, the Massena, replied.

The sight was a majestic one. As the British Fleet entered the harbour amidst the detonating roar of cannon, and took up its moorings, it was watched with sympathetic curiosity by a huge crowd on shore. The fleet was moored at the entrance to the inner harbour, English and French battleships lying there side by side.

### FRENCH ADMIRAL'S WELCOME.

At half-past two the Port Admiral of Brest, accompanied by the Admiral commanding the French Atlantic squadron, went on board the King Edward VII., where Admiral May, surrounded by all the British commanders, waited at the poop to receive them.

The French officers then left and soon afterwards at half-past three Admiral May and his staff went aboard the Massena, where Admiral Caillaud and the commandant of all the French warships received the British officers. From the Massena the British Admiral and his staff went ashore to return the Port Admiral's visit and to pay visits to the various French authorities.

It is amusing to note the attitude taken up by the mayor and socialist town council of Brest. The Government authorities, in issuing the invitations for the gala performance at the Municipal Theatre, distinctly stated that evening dress or uniform and low-neck dresses were to be worn.

The mayor and town council, who have been most enthusiastic in their preparation for the British fleet, have decided to attend in everyday clothes, as they put it, to give a lesson to the middle-classes.

## OUR USELESS ARMY. STILL UNDER WATER.

Lord Roberts Says It Is No Better  
Than in 1900.

## WAR LESSONS FORGOTTEN.

The centre of interest in Parliament yesterday shifted from the Commons to the Lords, where the usual small number of peers assembled to listen to what proved a gravely important discussion on a motion concerning the Army and Navy.

Lord Wemyss moved that—

It would be a danger to the realm, and limit the power of the Navy as an offensive force in war, to trust to it alone for the defence; and inasmuch as it is admitted that the Navy cannot guarantee us against so-called hostile raids, it is the more needful that our land defences should at all times be such that no nation would ever attempt in any form a hostile landing on our shores.

Earl Roberts then delivered a speech of marked emphasis and significance.

The lessons of South Africa, gravely asserted his lordship, had been forgotten, and

the armed forces as a body were as absolutely unfitted and unprepared for war as they were in 1899 and 1900.

The public still appeared to restrict their ideas of precaution to the defence of the shores of this country.

### MUST ACCEPT THE BURDEN.

They lost sight of the fact that his Majesty's dominions were no longer a Kingdom but an Empire, and that if we intended to maintain the integrity of this Empire—which meant the prosperity of Great Britain—we must accept the burden which the responsibilities of such a charge entailed.

What they had to aim at was to get the people of this country to identify themselves with the Army, and to take an intelligent interest in what the Army might have to do.

With us the Army was looked upon as something quite outside the national life. It was an Army reduced to a minimum of numbers, trained in a most inadequate manner, with far too little musketry practice and without the auxiliary forces so organised as to form a sufficient and efficient reserve which could never be provided by the regular troops by reason of the conditions of our service.

### ENEMY'S DIFFICULT TASK.

And it was this Army which the nation expected to perform the most trying and difficult service in foreign countries without ever a mistake, and which was condemned when a disaster occurred, consequent on its want of training.

When they considered the great disadvantages under which our officers and men laboured, it was nothing short of marvellous that his Majesty's Army should so often and so successfully have performed the severe and onerous duties which had from time to time been required of them in various parts of the world.

Surely such a haphazard state of affairs should no longer be allowed to continue. He appealed to the people of the country to take up the question of the Army in a sensible and practical manner.

### VOLUNTEERS OR CONSCRIPTION.

We did not require a large standing Army. It must continue to be constituted on the voluntary system. Behind this standing Army there must be a reserve large enough to mobilise all the regular troops and to expand the Army to and maintain it at such a size as circumstances might require. It was for the people of this country to decide how this reserve was to be brought about, whether by conscription or by some practical system of universal training.

His lordship, whose spirited appeal produced a great impression on the House, resumed his seat at the House.

Lord Donoughmore, after stating that the conclusions of the Defence Committee had been arrived at after months of labour and were founded on facts, notified that the Government did not propose to offer any opposition to the motion.

Viscount Goschen, referring to the Prime Minister's recent declaration, said it should not be allowed to have the effect on the country of placing a bandage of complacent security over their eyes.

Lord Lansdowne denied that the Prime Minister's declaration implied that the Government were prepared to trust to the Navy alone for home defence. On the contrary, he assumed throughout his arguments the existence of a sufficient land force for home defence.

### HATS IN THE HOUSE.

A new fashion in hats was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday. Mr. John Patrick Hayden, the Nationalist member for South Roscommon, sitting on the Irish Benches in a white Panama.

A novel form of parliamentary headgear was likewise affected by Mr. Landon, a Nationalist colleague who had on a straw hat corresponding in shape to a broad-brimmed bowler.

Failure to Raise the Hapless French  
Submarine.

## MINISTER'S TRIP.

The latest news from Bizerta is to the effect that the French submarine, Farfadet, has not yet been raised, but strenuous efforts are being made to refloat the doomed vessel.

Attempts are now being made to pass chains under her, to sink a dock in which a vacuum will be created, and over which chains will be crossed.

It is hoped that this hollow dock will serve to convey the submarine into harbour by means of two ships grappled together. It is feared, however, that this operation will take several days.

M. Thomson, Minister of Marine, who arrived on the scene of disaster yesterday, has questioned the commander of the Farfadet and the two surviving sailors, and their narrative indicates that the disaster was the result of an accident, and was in no way due to faulty construction, and that no danger is to be apprehended for other ships of the same class.

The Minister of Marine went on board the Submarine Korrigan, a sister ship of the Farfadet, which diverged and remained quiet a long time under water. M. Thomson has assisted the relatives of the victims of the disaster.

## DIARY OF AN M.P.

Government in a Critical Position Over the  
Volunteer Vote.

HOUSE OF COMMONS LIBRARY, Monday Night.—There is every indication that the division on the Volunteer question on Thursday will be one of the most critical which the Government has had to face this session.

Rumours prevailed in the Lobby to-day that the fact of Mr. "Lulu" Harcourt having joined the board of the new "Morning Post" Company, indicated the early appearance of the great Tory organ on the side of Liberalism. I am able to say that there is no political significance in the appointment. Mr. Harcourt takes the position as trustee under a will which is affected by the formation of a company, and will take no part in the political policy of the paper.

## "MY RIGHT HON. FRIEND."

Premier's "Most Improper and Discourteous  
Answer" to Mr. Swift MacNeill.

Who is the Prime Minister's "right hon. friend?" The interesting question was asked in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Balfour expressing the hope that his "right hon. friend" would lay the Redistribution resolutions with explanatory statements and figures on the table immediately.

"Who will lay it?" pressed Mr. MacNeill. "Who is 'my right hon. friend' among the whole galaxy on the Treasury Bench?" The Opposition tittered.

"The hon. gent. may devote the time between this and to-morrow," calmly replied the Premier, "in discussing with the right hon. gent. it is likely to be among those who sit on the Treasury Bench."

"A most improper and discourteous answer," snapped Mr. MacNeill, as Mr. Balfour's retort was driven home with a hot Ministerial cheer.

## UNIQUE DOUBLE WEDDING.

Two Maids of Honour To Be Married at  
Buckingham Palace Chapel.

Marriage ceremonies are rarely solemnised in the little private chapel at Buckingham Palace, and a double wedding within its precincts will therefore be unique.

To-day, however, the Hon. Mary Dyke and the Hon. Dorothy Vivian, two of her Majesty's Maids of Honour, are to be married there, and the King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family have signified their intention of being present.

## MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Baron Alphonse de Rothschild has left nearly £10,000 to the Academy of Arts for the foundation of a prize bearing his name.

A scheme for wireless communication between Iceland and Denmark was mentioned yesterday in the Danish Parliament, where, it was stated, satisfactory tests had been made.

Alarm is being caused in Seville by the pitch to which the distress of the people has reached, and it is feared that the disturbances which were suppressed at Osuna may recur.

King Oscar and the Crown Prince of Sweden will leave Stockholm on Thursday on the royal yacht for Gelfe, to meet the German Emperor, who is expected to arrive shortly in Swedish waters.

## DOOMED ISLAND.

Japanese Drive Back Russians with  
Loss in Saghalien.

## VALUABLE CONQUEST.

The official version of the Japanese invasion of Saghalien has been received.

It transpires that the invaders have effected an easy landing and gained two notable successes, pointing to a speedy retirement of the Russians from the island.

This new move has an important bearing on the peace negotiations. Saghalien formed a portion of territory Russia could have ceded without inconvenience, while the Japanese would have considered it a substantial acquisition.

Its cessation cannot now be considered any important make-weight in the price Russia must pay for peace.

## HARD NUT TO CRACK.

Vladivostok Fortified and Garrisoned for a  
Long Siege.

PARIS, Monday.—The "Journal" publishes this morning an interesting dispatch from a correspondent who has just visited Vladivostok. The correspondent declares that the town is formidably fortified.

The garrison comprises 85,000 men, with 2,000 guns, including a large number of quick-firing guns. To take the town fully 200,000 Japanese would have to be employed.

The general impression of the correspondent was that the defensive works were colossal, and if a siege resulted Vladivostok would offer the spectacle of a resistance which would make it the most murderous and terrible in history.—Central News.

## PEACE PROPOSALS.

China's Claim for Representation Not Likely  
To Be Allowed.

Japan is opposed to China's request for representation at the peace conference, says a Reuter message from Washington, while Russia favours it.

The official view is not in sympathy with China, and it is not likely that Mr. Roosevelt will seriously forward the wishes of China.

M. Muraviev will leave St. Petersburg for Washington next Friday.

An Italian message published by the "Echo de Paris" states that Japan will grant no armistice during the peace pourparlers.

It is officially announced that the respective plenipotentiaries will meet at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, after the conclusion of the meeting at Washington.

## SAGHALIEN INVADIED.

Japanese Take Two Positions and Capture  
Four Guns—Official.

The following is the official report from Saghalien: The Japanese Legation.—

The following is the official report from Saghalien: Early in the morning of July 8 our landing army occupied Korsakoff without much resistance.

Russians burned the town of Korsakoff and retired to a position near Solovka (about seven miles north of Korsakoff), where they again attempted resistance. Being, however, dislodged by our pursuing force, they retired towards Vladimirovka, about twenty-two miles north of Korsakoff.

In this engagement we captured four guns and a quantity of ammunition. No damage on our side.

### NEW JAPANESE LOAN.

The prospectus of the new Japanese loan was issued yesterday.

The total is for thirty millions sterling, at the issue price of 90 and interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. The amount reserved for the London market is ten millions sterling.

There was a double row of people from the Bank to Threadneedle-street awaiting their turn.

## WHY THE FAST FAILED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, Monday.—For a wager a variety performer in Bochum (Westphalia) agreed to fast under a glass-case in the local music-hall for nineteen days, only drinking mineral water.

He arrived at the fourteenth day of his task when suddenly a guest in the hall was served with a savoury dish quite close to the starving man. This was too much for him and he smashed the glass and bounded out of the building.



## HAVOC WROUGHT BY LIGHTNING.

Two Killed and Thirty Injured  
While Singing Hymns.

### FLUID'S STRANGE FREAKS.

Two men have been killed and thirty people injured by a flash of lightning at Annaghmore, near Donaconey, in North Ireland.

In a large tent an evangelistic meeting was being conducted by Mr. W. Duff, of the Irish Christian Workers' Union. The congregation was singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," when a flash of lightning struck one of the uprights supporting the tent. The current was conveyed by means of a wire used for the suspension of lamps to another pole, and both uprights were shattered.

Two men, John Johnston and John Maguire, both of whom were sitting in the centre of the tent, underneath the wire, were instantaneously killed. Thirty people were injured and almost everyone in the tent felt the effects of the shock.

### Motor-Car to the Rescue.

There was a rush to get out of the tent and a great deal of panic. After a while those injured were taken into the open air, and a gentleman passing on a motor-car took several of the prostrated people to their homes.

Most of the injured people are expected to recover, but the condition of one, a girl, is very serious.

The tent poles were shattered, and the wire outside the tent was melted, while the wire inside was broken into pieces.

In addition to the accidents already reported, there were several houses in and around London struck by lightning during Sunday's storm. The roof of a back building at Fulham Infirmary was set on fire, and the flames had to be extinguished by the firemen.

A gentleman living in Wilberforce-road says that a ball of fire seemed to flash by him as he was sitting in a front room, and immediately afterwards there was the noise of a tremendous explosion downstairs.

He found the kitchen in which his wife and child, who were uninjured, were sitting full of smoke and fumes of sulphur, and the floor of the scullery just beyond them had been torn up by the violence of the explosion.

The lightning struck a chimney in Albert-road, Dalston, and scorched the dinner that was cooking, beside overturning a perambulator that stood in the garden, but it did no other damage.

### TROUT SWIMMING IN A STREET.

At Tiverton, Devon, where the railway station and low-lying parts of the town were flooded by the storm, a fine trout was noticed disappearing itself in one of the streets, to be promptly caught by a little girl from the window of a house.

### HEAT WAVE UNBROKEN.

In Spite of the Storm London Is Scorched  
While Haymakers Rejoice.

Contrary to expectations, the thunderstorm of Sunday has not broken up the weather, for yesterday dawned as hot and brilliant as if there had not been thunder for weeks.

But the experts say there is more thunder to come, and probably within the next twenty-four hours nearly every place in the kingdom will have experienced rain.

On Sunday 12th day, in the sun and 81deg. in the shade were registered at noon. Yesterday, at the same hour, it was 118deg. in the sun and 72deg. in the shade; but later on in the day, in spite of a fall in the barometer, the temperature had crept up to 76deg. in the shade.

The heat in London seemed overpowering. There was a great rush for the river steamboats, and very little solid food was sold by the restaurants, the great demand being for fruit and iced liquors.

In spite of the heat which the British Isles have enjoyed lately, there is no prospect of an abnormally heavy hay crop; in fact, although the yield will be an average one, it seems likely that it will not be so heavy as during the last three seasons, when it was well above the average.

The rain of June came too late for the grass in some districts, though in some parts it was in time. In Scotland rain is badly wanted at the present time; and reports from there state that the hay crop is very poor indeed.

From the Midland counties, however, reports are more cheering. The hay harvest, now in full swing is proving much heavier than at first seemed possible.

In Oxfordshire, Berks, Bucks—in fact, all the Home Counties—haymaking is absorbing everyone's energies. The sun is so hot that the hay needs frequent turning.

## WOMEN SHARPSHOOTERS.

Fair Bisley Competitors from South  
Africa and South London.

Mrs. E. J. Way, the wife of a well-known Rand mine manager, was the competitor who attracted most attention at Bisley yesterday.

This lady has come over from Johannesburg not as a member of the Transvaal team but to shoot for individual prizes on her own account. She has been accommodated with a comfortable marquee in the centre of the camp, and drove down in a motor-car.

Yesterday she fired in the miniature rifle competition, but, like Mrs. Chapman, of the South London Rifle Club, who competed for the Connaught prize, Mrs. Way was baffled by the tricky wind and failed to make a score of any account.

The first day of the Bisley meeting is always a quiet one, and yesterday was no exception to the rule, the only event of importance on the programme being the shooting for the Waldegrave Cup.

There were a good many arrivals in camp during the day, and the men lost no time in shaking themselves down to canvas life. The sun shone brilliantly in the morning, but the sky was overcast all the afternoon, and some rain fell, at times pretty heavily.

### ROYALTY'S NEW PET.

Three Monarchs Who Have Recently Purchased French Bat-Eared Bulldogs.

The next top-dog boom is likely to take place in French bulls, for three monarchs have recently invested in specimens of the breed.

M. Aaron, the principal Parisian dealer in "bat-eareds," boasts that he has recently made sales to King Edward, King Alfonso, and the Kaiser. The King's purchase was a splendid specimen called *Mulle*, which cost him 4,000 francs (418*g*). The Kaiser has bought a pair of the little dogs, and the discreet M. Aaron, pressed for particulars as to the price, whispered the words "Douze mille"—that is, £240 the pair.

King Alfonso did not acquire his bull by direct purchase. It was really a gift to the royal huster, and no entreaty would persuade the vendor to say how much it cost.

### CHURCH OF PARLIAMENT.

Scheme of Extensive Repairs to St. Margaret's  
Has Approval of Our Legislators.

"The National Church for the use of the House of Commons" is the term which in certain historic documents is applied to St. Margaret's, Westminster, so Canon Hensley Henson (rector) stated yesterday, when applying to the Chancellor of the London Diocese for a faculty authorising certain improvements to the well-known church.

These improvements, which include the re-erecting of the east wall, the lengthening of the chancel, and the reaping of the great east window, are to cost £3,000.

Canon Henson said the scheme had the support of the late Speaker, representative members of the Front Benches, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach (Father of the House), and as far as he knew, the accord of all the members.

The faculty was granted.

### BELATED EXCURSIONISTS.

Koh-I-noor Breakdown Keeps Holiday-Makers  
Up All Night.

Many young gentlemen who returned home in the small hours of yesterday morning attributed their late return to the fact that the Koh-I-noor had broken down. This excuse was received by indignant wives and anxious mothers with the scepticism which such explanations usually give rise to.

This time, however, the explanation was true, for the steamer did not reach Tilbury till after midnight, and though special trains had been put on in readiness when it was known that she would be late, travellers did not reach London till after 2 a.m.

The delay was caused by the "packing" of one of the valves blowing out.

The Koh-I-noor is now running as usual.

### WINDFALL OF £29,000.

A windfall for a tobaccoist's assistant named Friskney is reported from Northampton. He and his brother are said to be heirs to £29,000, left by a relative years ago in Lincolnshire.

Whilst at work on the roofing of Paddington Station yesterday a painter named Arthur Potton fell through the glass near the booking-offices and was killed.

## MOSQUE FOR LONDON.

Attempt to Gain Converts for the  
Prophet in England.

### SHAH ENTHUSIASTIC.

London is soon to have a Moslem mosque, the foundation-stone of which will be laid by the Shah of Persia during his forthcoming visit.

Before the year is out the graceful cupolas and slender minarets of the building will rise from among the wilderness of Lambeth factories.

The mosque will be a rallying place for the Western followers of Mahomed, and a training school where missionaries will be instructed in the art of spreading an Eastern faith among Western peoples.

The plan of the edifice and its style of architecture have been designed by Mr. Robert Williams, architect of Clifford's Inn, who is now in Cairo on a visit to the Khedive of Egypt for the dual purpose of studying the designs of Islamic mosques and raising the contributions necessary for the building.

His Highness the Khedive, during his late visit to this country, displayed the greatest interest in the idea, and has promised to give it every support.

The Ameer of Afghanistan has also lavishly contributed £1,000, and it is expected that the Shah of Persia will display his usual lavish generosity in making this fairy-like structure the most beautiful in Europe.

With respect to the proselytising scheme it may be said that many Europeans have already embraced the faith, and the gatherings of the Pan-Islamic Society are remarkable for the variety of nationality evidenced by their attendants.

The society takes a much broader view of the religion than the sterner or stricter sect in the Orient do, and do not insist on certain rules which, in the stricter faith, are as necessary as baptism is in the Christian Churches.

### FOSTER FATHER OF 60,000.

Dr. Barnardo's Birthday the Occasion of  
Reviewing His Great Life-Work.

Yesterday was Dr. Barnardo's sixtieth birthday, and the occasion of an influential meeting at the Mansion House, in order to found a national subscription to aid the doctor's life-work.

In addressing the meeting Dr. Barnardo said that nearly 60,000 children had passed through the homes during the last forty years. Of these no less than 16,829 had been sent out to Canada and other Colonies, and most of them were doing well.

The Duke of Argyll moved, and Bishop Wellesford seconded, a resolution commending the work to the support of the benevolent public and favouring the foundation of an organised scheme of monetary assistance.

### THE DOUGHTY PETITION.

Hundreds of Sympathisers Give Their Names  
for Revision of Sentence.

The petition for the revision of the harsh sentence on Miss Doughty is being signed by thousands of people. "It is almost disorganising my office," says Mr. Matthews, who acted as solicitor for Miss Doughty.

"We had no fewer than 300 callers in one day to sign and express their sympathy with the object of the petition."

Mr. Ronald Doughty learned yesterday that his sister had been moved to Aylesbury Prison, where she is in the infirmary.

### EXPENSIVE ALIEN.

"The defendant has cost the public 2*s*. for the summons, 2*s*. for the warrant, 7*s*. 6*d*. for a doctor, and 7*s*. 6*d*. for an interpreter," said Mr. Mead yesterday when a Russian Jew was brought before him on a charge of causing an obstruction. As he did not appear when summoned, he was arrested on a warrant. He was ordered to pay 40*s*., or go to prison for a month.

### CENTENARIAN PREACHER

Although over a hundred years of age, Mr. J. Cayston, of Magdalen-road Congregational Church, Norwich, delivered an earnest address of twenty minutes' duration at an open-air mission service at Norwich on Sunday night.

### LIFE WORK—SIX WEEKS.

"This man has only done six weeks' work in his life," said a witness, concerning George Roberts, twenty-three, of Shepherd's Bush.

Mr. Lane, at West London Police Court yesterday, sentenced him to one month's hard labour.

## PEOPLE GROWING POORER.

Caterers Complain of the Lack of  
Spending Power.

"It is not a want of customers of which we have to complain but a want of spending power among these customers."

Mr. Javal, chairman of Spiers and Pond, Ltd., made this remark at the ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of that company, held at the Criterion yesterday afternoon.

The report of the company showed a profit of £88,600 for the last year work, against £96,500 in the year preceding. The debenture interest and 5 per cent. Preference dividend are to be paid, but the directors could not recommend any dividend on the Ordinary shares.

"This is partly due to the lack of spending-power," said Mr. Javal. "One of our City restaurants has served 4,700 more customers than it did ten years ago, but taken less money than at that time."

### CHILD DIDO AND AENEAS.

Little Dancers in Greek and Russian Costumes  
at Lady Ancestor's Fete.

There will be some striking and beautiful children's dances at the Royal Botanical Society's Gardens this afternoon, when Lady Ancestor gives her children's fête.

One of the most interesting will be a Greek dance, "Dido and Aeneas," a kind of animated tableau, in which nearly fifty children will take part.

Miss Hermione Lyttelton, the daughter of Sir Neville and Lady Lyttelton, will be Queen Dido, and Aeneas will be represented by Miss Felicity Tree, the daughter of Mr. Beerholm Tree.

There will also be a Dutch peasant-clog dance, a rustic dance, a butterfly dance, and Polish mazurkas, to the music of a full orchestra under Mr. I. A. de Orellana.

At half-past five some of Mr. Tree's dramatic students will present a short sketch, without words, called a "Village Story," invented and arranged by Mme. Cavallazzi.

The fête will be held in aid of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

### RELI.S OF WILLIAM PENN.

Descendant of the Famous Quaker Surprised  
to Hear of Fresh Heirlooms.

It has been reported that certain heirlooms of William Penn, who was Governor of the States of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey in the reign of William and Mary, will shortly be offered for sale by auction.

Amongst these heirlooms are the Letters Patent appointing Penn Governor, an oil-painting of Admiral Penn, a silver tobacco pipe, a letter signed by Penn to Samuel Pepys, and various other relics. Lord Ranelagh, late Governor of New Zealand, and a descendant of William Penn, told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday that he had never heard anything of any of these heirlooms.

"If they come up for auction," he said, "I shall certainly attend the sale and bid as far as my means will allow me, if these heirlooms are certainly identified as such. I have already such a large collection of Penn relics being in one man's hands without my knowing anything about them."

### FIRE TERROR RENEWED.

Further Evidence Pointing to the Existence of  
Croydon Incendiaries.

Another fire, more than suspicious in its origin, occurred in Croydon on Sunday night.

The victim was Mr. Ashby, an umbrella manufacturer, who locked his premises up on Saturday night, no one remaining over the Sunday.

Nevertheless, a fire broke out shortly before midnight, and damage estimated at £100 was done before the brigade had extinguished the flames.

A further suspicious circumstance is the proximity of the fire to the premises of Mr. Dyson, who is at present most active in forming a defensive and detective league.

But for the smartness of the brigade his shop would also have suffered.

### "REGRETTABLE INCIDENT."

When a young man appeared at Marylebone yesterday on a charge of stealing a sovereign in the Adam and Eve public-house, John Love, the prosecutor, asked to be allowed to withdraw the charge, as he had since found the sovereign.

In discharging accused the magistrate expressed sympathy with him over the "serious and very regrettable mistake which had been made."

Arrangements are being made for a visit by members of the English Church Union to the Holy Land in November next.



## HUMOURS OF A BOROUGH ELECTION.

£500 for Assailing a Butcher's Character and Sausages.

### LIBEL BY CARTOON.

The humours of a municipal by-election at New-castle were brought out in strong relief in a libel action yesterday.

A cartoon issued during the progress of the contest resulted in the successful candidate, his election agent, and the printers of the cartoon being cast yesterday in £500 damages.

The plaintiff was Mr. Adam Tindall, the unsuccessful candidate, who is a well-known meat salesman.

The defendants were Mr. T. W. Rowe, who won the election; Mr. Doyle, his agent; and Messrs. Christie, Malcolm, and Co., printers.

Two days before the polling took place there was issued a cartoon, in which Mr. Tindall was represented as standing in a court of justice.

The Judge was inscribed with the name of the ward in which the election took place.

Before the figure representing Mr. Tindall stood one of a lady, stated to represent the plaintiff in a breach of promise action, defended by Mr. Tindall eleven years ago.

This figure was posed in a threatening attitude, though from her mouth issued the words, "I love you."

From her pocket projected a document bearing the words "Breach of promise," while elsewhere on the cartoon were words imputing misconduct to Mr. Tindall. It was further complained that a reference to "horse-sausages" imputed to him dishonest conduct of his business.

#### Lost His Supporters.

Mr. Tindall described the effect of the publication of this cartoon upon his election campaign. People interrupted his meeting with hootings and abusive questions.

Prior to the publication of the cartoon he had a very strong following of voters.

Mr. Justice Grantham: You must have had if you were only beaten by thirty-eight votes after such a libel as this.

After this there was a long interlude while the Court considered the alluring topic of sausages.

Mr. Tindall having hotly denied that he ever sold sausages made of horse-flesh, Mr. Kemp, in cross-examination, suggested that the allusion to horse-sausage had reference to the lady depicted in the cartoon.

His Lordship: "I have never heard that she was a candidate at the election." (Laughter.)

The proceedings were further brightened by the corporation meat inspector, who said that he had never seen sausages upon Mr. Tindall's premises.

Mr. Kemp: "Nothing so low, I suppose." Witness (indignantly): "There are some very good sausages."

Mr. Kemp: "Nothing so unsavoury then?"

#### Sausage a Staple Food.

His Lordship: "Worse again! They are nothing if not soapy. Sausages are one of the staple food of this country." (Laughter.)

The Court was then unwillingly switched off to the consideration of a new question.

Should the cattle market be used as a playground for children?

But here Mr. Justice Grantham interposed with a decision that the questions were irrelevant.

A voter then declared that his intention to vote for Mr. Tindall had been changed by the cartoon. The defence raised was that the cartoons did not bear the meanings suggested, and that an unreserved apology had been offered. No witnesses were called for the defence, and the jury had little trouble in arriving at the decision already recorded.

## FROM MANSION TO COTTAGE.

Bankruptcy of Financier Who Once Made £300,000 in a Notable Deal.

The affairs of Mr. Martin Drerdick Rucker, whose liabilities are put at £10,246 and his assets at nil, were considered at a meeting at the London Bankruptcy Court.

It will be remembered that Mr. Rucker, who now resides in a cottage at Earlwood, was at one time owner of Woodlands Park, Leatherhead, and Sifton Park, Newmarket, kept racehorses, and held the mastership of the West Surrey Stag-hounds.

At one time Mr. Rucker was a Fenchurch-street financier, and was associated with Mr. Hooley in the promotion of the Dunlop Company. He is said to have received £300,000 of the profits of one of his deals.

#### £95 IN FINES.

No less than £290 had been previously paid in £5 fines for betting by Richard Campbell, who was fined a similar amount for the same offence at the Mansion House yesterday.

## INVASION OF BAPTISTS.

Four Thousand Delegates from all Over the World Meet in London.

This week the Baptists are holding a World Congress in London, and some 4,000 Baptists from all parts of the world have already assembled in the metropolis.

Some 1,400 of these have come from outside the United Kingdom. Asia, Africa, America, Australia, and all the countries of Europe are represented.

The organising committee, however, are in dire straits. "Only about 2,800 people notified their intention of coming," said Dr. Whitley, the assistant-secretary of the congress to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday. "Already 4,000 have arrived, and every moment more pour in."

"We provide beds for those coming from other countries, but many of these have not notified us of their coming, consequently on Saturday night I was 200 beds short. Now I am obliged to tell them they must find hotels and rooms for themselves."

At three o'clock yesterday two special trains filled with delegates from every part of the world ran into Euston. During the week they will pay visits to Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, and to Bedford and Cambridge.

To-day his Honour Judge Willis, K.C., will welcome the foreign delegates, and will also preside at the great closing meeting at the Albert Hall on Tuesday, the 18th.

## MR. PLOWDEN IN EARNST.

Lays Aside His Gentle Humour To Pass Heavy Sentence on a Brute.

Mr. Plowden, as contrasted with his customary facetiousness, was in a severe mood at the South-Western Police Court yesterday.

Murderous brutality towards the police on the part of Henry Yates, a young dealer, of Tooting, induced his worship to pass upon the offender the sentence, severe for a magisterial Court, of nine months' hard labour.

Police-constable Clabbon, jumped into the witness-box to relate how severely Yates had kicked him when he tried to remove the man from at Tooting police-house.

"The kicks might have killed the officer," said the police-surgeon.

Mr. Plowden, passing sentence, said Yates ought to consider himself lucky that he was not standing in the dock on a charge of murder.

## "TO FIT THE CRIME"

Why Not Make a Bad Italian Eat His Own Ice Cream?

"It's a pity I cannot sentence him to eat his own ice-cream," said Mr. Fordham yesterday, when Achille Fuzzo, an Italian ice-cream vendor, was charged with assaulting a policeman who interfered to prevent his fighting in the street.

Being unable to inflict this horrible sentence, he merely made prisoner pay £3 and 17s. 6d. costs or go to prison for one month.

Fuzzo's counsel suggested leniency in consideration of prisoner's hot Italian blood, only to get the answer, "I wish he would keep his Italian blood in his own country," and on further attempting to excuse his client by suggesting it came over here to give us the benefit of better ice-cream than we could make, he merely drew from the magistrate the above horrible suggestion.

## MISS FARMER'S JEWELS.

Singular Dispute as to Disposal of Property of the Unfortunate Murdered Woman.

An echo of the horrible murder, in which Miss Farmer was cruelly done to death by Wade and Donovan, was heard in the Thames Police Court yesterday.

The landlord of the house in which the murder took place applied for advice concerning jewellery which was found there after the murder. He wished, he said, to keep the jewels as security for rent due, but the police insisted on taking charge of them. The police explained they merely wished for a judicial authority to hand over the property.

Mr. Farmer, the next of kin, had taken out a summons against the police for detaining the jewels, but had allowed it to be adjourned on the chance of matters being arranged between himself and the landlord, to whom he had already offered £3 10s. for the rent.

Mr. Mead recommended the landlord to take out a summons to the same effect, and said Mr. Farmer's summons could be reinstated.

## LEAN MEN NOT LONG LIVERS.

"Let me have men about me that are fat," said Cæsar to Mark Antony. The Commercial Insurance companies find the advice excellent. Lean men are not good risks. They are nervous, worry too much, and get tuberculosis.

## KISS OF DEATH.

Rejected Lover Salutes Sleeping Girl Before Shooting Her.

## BOY BROTHER'S ESCAPE.

Two ghastly crimes were reported yesterday—one, at Glasgow, having apparently a hopeless passion for its motive, and the other, at Neatishead, near Wrexham, Norfolk, evidently prompted by motives of robbery.

In the one case the victim was a beautiful Jewess, barely sixteen years of age; in the other, a helpless old lady of about eighty.

Leah Goldberg, the young Jewess, lived with her father in Adelphi-street, South Side, Glasgow. Leah was dark-eyed and beautiful after the manner of her race.

She attracted the attention, and then unwittingly won the heart, of Louis Kinks, a young commercial traveller, who frequently visited father and daughter.

When he proclaimed his love, however, the girl failed to respond to his appeals. As a friend he was welcome; as a lover his presence became an embarrassment.

Kinks early yesterday morning gained admission to Leah's room. She was sleeping, and he kissed her as she slept.

#### Scene of Bloodshed.

In terror the girl awoke, saw something flash in Kinks's hand, jumped out of bed, and rushed to the door. Before she could escape the rejected suitor shot her twice in the head, and she fell in a dying condition.

Distraught, the young man rushed out into the lobby, where he encountered the father, whom he also shot in the head. Kinks now made his way to the bedroom of Leah's fourteen-year-old brother, Lazarus, but the boy had been aroused, and, seizing the only weapon he could find, hid behind the door.

Directly Kinks entered, the little fellow, evidently thinking that the man in his blood-frenzy was about to murder him, struck him down, and then seizing the revolver, jumped out of the window, escaping injury in a remarkable way.

The girl died soon after her admission to the hospital, and her father lies in a serious condition. Kinks was placed under arrest.

#### Murdered at Eighty.

The victim of the Neatishead crime was Elizabeth Ann Dent, about eighty years of age, who lived alone in a quaint little cottage she had recently taken.

She was reputed to be possessed of some wealth, part of which, so it was said, was kept in the house.

Nothing was seen of her on Saturday, and when the house was broken into on Sunday, the old lady was found doubled up at the bottom of the stairs. In her head were two wounds; her brain had evidently been penetrated by a sharp instrument, and all appearances pointed to the perpetration of a brutal and carefully-planned murder.

The house had been ransacked, and an empty purse was found in one of the rooms.

## RAPE OF THE LOCK.

Mysterious Disappearance of a Young Girl Who Wears Auburn Wig.

A pleasant-looking girl of fifteen, who is wearing an auburn wig, has disappeared from her home in Cassidy-road, Fulham.

Her father, who was very much distressed, told the West London magistrate yesterday that his daughter was in service at the Drive, Fulham, and when her master and mistress went away on a holiday they told her she could go home.

On Wednesday week she visited her grandmother, who lives at Westbourne-park. Her hair had been cut, and the girl declared that it was her master who had deprived her of her locks.

He (the father) made arrangements for her to return home on July 1, on which date she left in an omnibus, and from that time nothing had been seen or heard of her.

## OUT TO-DAY

### Part 9

## HARMSWORTH ENCYCLOPAEDIA

SEVENPENCE NET.

## "PRINCE" IN TROUBLE.

Self-Styled Heir to a Crown Who Carried a Dagger.

The police at Swindon have arrested a Scotsman giving his name as Themais Albraich and his age as twenty-eight.

The charge against him, on which he was yesterday remanded, is that he obtained £38s. from the Rev. Crispin Thelwall, of Burbage, Wilts, and it is alleged that he represented himself as the Prince of Conde, the chief of a Highland Clan, and the owner of a castle in Scotland. He is also said to claim that his father is heir to the Polish crown. He is a young man of attractive address, excellent manners, and superior appearance. He has often donned the Highland dress, in which he presents a most striking figure.

The police stated yesterday that the only articles found on him were a dagger, and letters from certain high dignitaries of the Church.

The police are busy pursuing inquiries pending Albraich's next appearance before the Swindon magistrates.

## FARMHOUSE ROMANCE.

Deed of Gift Case Settled on Withdrawal of All Imputations.

The parties in the curious deed of gift case in the Chancery Division yesterday acted on the suggestion made by Mr. Justice Buckley on Saturday and came to a settlement.

The dispute, it will be remembered, was not without its romantic elements. Mrs. Mary Jane Robinson, once the wife of a Somerset farmer, asked for a declaration entitling her to property given her by deed of gift by the late Mr. Edward Sheppard, a young man who stayed with Mrs. Robinson and her first husband as a farm pupil.

The executrix of Mr. Sheppard contested the deed, urged undue influence and certain relationships. In consequence of the latter accusation Mrs. Robinson brought this action, said her counsel, to clear her character.

Yesterday, after some consultation, Mr. Buckmaster, K.C., who appeared for Mrs. Robinson, announced that an arrangement had been made between the parties.

The first terms of the settlement were that all imputations made should be withdrawn. That was his client's main object.

As to the deed of gift, Mrs. Robinson was willing to make no further claim, and the deed would be cancelled. Each party would pay her own costs.

## PASSION FOR FEMALE SOCIETY

Absent Husband Tells His Wife He Has Joined a Woman's League.

"This letter will show what sort of man the respondent is," said Mr. Bayford, in the course of proving a case in the Divorce court yesterday.

The respondent, a purser, named Moore, had run away from his wife, and, according to counsel, had twice married bigamously.

The letter referred to was written to the sister of one of the young women the purser had lived with as his wife in America.

"My dear Annie,

Oh, how happy I should be

To once more cast my cares on thee.

"That appears very weak, does it not, to have a man casting his cares upon a woman? You are stronger and blessed with more faith than I am. By the grace of God I shall grow stronger. I have joined the Hepworth League Society. I am the third man only. There are about thirty females. We have most blessed times."

A decree nisi was granted to Mrs. Moore.

## REMARKABLE BOY.

Sues for Damages Because He Could Not Go To School.

"Through being ill he had failed to secure for a third time in succession a medal for absolute regular attendance at school, which award would prove a valuable asset when the boy sought work."

Such was one of the grounds put forward in favour of an action brought yesterday at the Southwark County Court by Thomas Royal, a boy of ten, who sued, through his father, the executors of Thomas Brickland, omnibus proprietor, for damages for a broken leg.

The boy said he was asked by the driver to mind his horses, and whilst doing so other boys who were playing "Old Polly Witch" struck one of the animals on the hind-quarter, causing it to kick and break his leg.

The jury found for the defendants, and judgment was entered accordingly.

## JAPANESE VISITORS DEPART.

Prince and Princess Arisugawa left London for Portsmouth yesterday morning, arriving there at midday. In the afternoon they visited the Victory and Vernon and the Royal Naval Barracks. They are proceeding to Southampton this morning.



## GENTLEMEN V. PLAYERS AT LORD'S.

Players Take First Innings and Run  
Up a Big Score.

### AN EIGHTH WICKET STAND

By F. B. WILSON

(Last Year's Cambridge Captain).

It was difficult indeed to realise that the Lord's of Monday was the same ground as that on which the 'Varsity match was fought out last week. Instead of the jumping, bumping wicket of Saturday, the pitch was dead after the recent rain, and the back shot displaced the forward push almost entirely, while a late cut was practically unknown, at any rate, before lunch.

Lilley beat Jackson over the shout, and elected to bat, the Players starting with Hayward and Bowley against the bowling of Brearley and Jackson. Play ruled quiet at the start, Hayward especially being almost ultra-careful. Bowley made some good shots when he got a good sight of the ball, making some nice leg pushes tempered with forcing off-drives.

H. K. FOSTER INDISPOSED.

Brearley, Jackson, and Evans bowled without success, and it was left to Hesketh-Prichard to get the initial wicket, and Bowley lapping at a wildish one was trapped by Wainwright in the slips off a skier. Wainwright was fielding sub for G. W. Beidam, who is playing for H. K. Foster, who is unfortunately seedy. 76-1-47.

Followed Tyldesley, who shaped like runs from the beginning, though for his first quarter of an hour he was content to play himself in. Hayward about this time was rather in trouble with Jessop, who was bowling at the pavilion end. It was Jackson, however, who proved his master, for Hayward revoked, playing a leg instead of a bat to a straight one. The ball seemed to beat him in the pace. 92-2-32.

Hayes joined Tyldesley, and the pair played pretty cricket till lunch, the score trotting along briskly. After the interval the cricket became more exciting. Tyldesley and Hayes both played an attractive game, and both looked like getting a stock of runs. With the score at 29, however, Hayes was bowled off his legs by Brearley, the bowler also appealing for leg before. Tyldesley meanwhile had survived a most confident appeal for cut-wicket.

YORKSHIREMEN OUT CHEAPLY.

Denton came in but did not try the score much, as with 2 to his credit he was hobbled by Brearley. The ball was a similar one to that which boxed Hayes. First got 4 off a characteristic blow over the left shoulder, and was then well caught at second slip, high up, right hand, by Evans.

Further disaster happened, as, with his total at 53, Tyldesley mis-hit one from Hesketh-Prichard, and was finely caught at third man by Spooner, who staggered after the ball and caught it at arm's length, right hand.

With the score 178-6-53, the amateurs had every reason to congratulate themselves, but a useful stand between Rhodes and Arnold rather changed the aspect of affairs. Both had their pieces of fat, the edge being rather frequently brought into requisition.

At 229 Brearley, who had crossed over to the nursery to the pavilion end, bowled Rhodes, who played blind inside a ball well up to him. 229-7-22.

STAND BY MIDLAND MEN.

Lilley joined Arnold, who was now playing well and making some beautiful cuts, and the two stayed together till the tea interval, when seven wickets were down for 250.

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### MOTOR CARS STONED.

Eccentric Frenchman's Unpleasant Protest  
Against Automobiles.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Monday.—The suggestion that shooting was too good for motorists seems to have appeared to an eccentric inhabitant of St. Germain, on the Nantes road.

He concealed himself in a hedge yesterday, and when a cloud of dust in the distance announced the approach of a car he greeted the motorists with showers of heavy stones.

All day long he pelted car after car. In the evening Mme. Brunswick, who was driving with two gentlemen, was struck full in the face by a heavy hob-nail boot hurled by the ruffian.

The two gentlemen in the car chased the offender, but let him escape after administering to him a sound thrashing.

## LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Cottage baths are being established in the Birmingham slums by the corporation. At a nominal charge houses are to be provided with shower-baths, soap, and towels.

For recklessly driving a motor-car and running down a cyclist, Mr. G. T. Brown, J.P., Mayor of Chorley, was fined £2 and costs at Crewe.

Margaret O'Connor, an elderly woman, yesterday told Mr. Horace Smith, the magistrate at Westminster, that she was not an "enteric" drunkard and had been a teetotaler for nine months.

On a steep hill at Chatham yesterday a military wagon was overturned, and Private Porter, of the Crew Engineer Volunteers, was seriously injured. Five other privates received slight injuries.

Entering a bottling warehouse in the yard of the Sun Hotel, Higher Buxton (Derbyshire), a horse fell through a hole in the floor to a cellar beneath. Blocks and pulleys, in conjunction with slings, had to be used to extricate the animal.

Thrown from his trap whilst driving home after presiding at a sitting of the Chichester County Bench yesterday, Mr. F. Baring Du Pre, J.P., sustained a broken collarbone and other injuries. He was found on the roadside and driven home by Mr. Egerton Legge, a brother-magistrate.

In order to amuse a number of youthful companions, Tom Bragg, the thirteen-year-old son of a Thornorton, Devon, farmer, swallowed nine marbles one after the other. He has since been extremely uncomfortable.

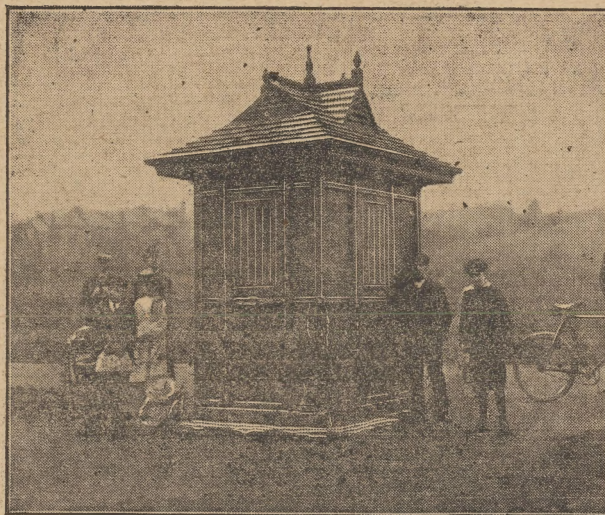
In a garden at Withington (Gloucestershire) are to be seen a gooseberry bush growing from the trunk of a damson tree, and a currant bush emerging from the trunk of an apple tree.

Complaint is made by ratepayers that the county police, for convenience or economy's sake, use the Liverpool City tramway-cars for the conveyance of prisoners to Walton Gaol.

Crossing Wetmore Bridge, near Burton station, at the same time that the Bristol express passed underneath, a farmer's cart was destroyed by a spark from the engine igniting the straw with which the vehicle was laden. The horse was also badly burnt.

On behalf of Mr. W. Candy, father of Lieutenant Candy, one of the survivors of the ill-fated Submarine A8, the Mayor of Devonport yesterday presented the master and the other two members of the crew of the fishing smack Chanticleer with 25 guineas in recognition of their prompt action on the occasion of the disaster on June 8.

### HIGHGATE-ROAD TRAGEDY.



While Mr. H. W. Watkins, of Roderick-road, Hampstead, and his four-year-old daughter were taking shelter from the rain in the kiosk photographed it was struck by lightning, and they were both killed. The lightning struck one of the finials and ran down the corner nearest to the camera, where the traces of its passage may be seen.

On the site of a new schoolroom in the middle of Dorchester a beautiful specimen of Roman mosaic work has just been discovered.

Mr. G. Nelson, of Brampton-Spoke, Devon, has just created a notable fishing record. With one haul he landed a trout weighing three-quarters of a pound and two grayling, each weighing half a pound.

Although there was a playground for children close by, they could not be got to play there; they preferred the streets, said a police sergeant at an inquest in Southwark yesterday on a little boy who was fatally run over in Page's Walk.

Formerly in the Royal Navy, Captain Montagu Burrows, professor of modern history at Oxford, died yesterday, aged eighty-six. He fought against the Malay pirates in several actions before entering upon the quieter life of history professor in 1862.

An Aldershot telegram says that the Secretary of State for War on July 28 will meet the representative commanding officers of Volunteers to consider capitulation grants, camp allowances for increased efficiency, and other matters generally concerning Volunteers.

Under a new process just patented in South Wales it is estimated that the cost of producing steel will be reduced fully 20 per cent. If the expectations of the inventor are realised a revolution will be brought about in the steel trade equal to that which the introduction of the Bessemer process accomplished.

Cock-fighting is not dead yet. At Kilbride, Co. Fermanagh, a large crowd assembled to witness the counties' cock-fighting contest. The presence of two detectives craned the party to move over the county border into Monaghan, where two "battles" were fought. Police on bicycles appeared, and the spectators dispersed, leaving the match unfinished.

## KAFFIR MARKET FIRMER.

Barnato Interest Steps In to Stop  
Demoralisation.

### THE JAPANESE LOAN.

CAPE COURT, Monday Evening.—Interest mainly centred in the Japanese loan and the possibility of a recovery in Kaffirs. It was the mining carry-over, and certainly Kaffir rates were not particularly easy, at all events not so light as some people had expected. Nevertheless interested support was forthcoming, and so the market was decidedly firmer all round.

The Barnato interest put in a certain number of buying orders in their group to stop the utter demoralisation in their section. It could not be said that there was any public support, though, of course, the fall has put prices at a more attractive level for the gold companies. The close was a shade below the bid, and the Transvaal gold output for June showed a falling off of 4,078 ounces at 412.37 ounces.

The Japanese loan naturally gave rise to a good deal of discussion, and caused a considerable amount of interest. But the scene at the banks of issue was nothing like that on the last occasion, and there was nothing like the same rush. The market has put a premium on the loan, and the prospectus is in accordance with the forecasts already given.

The most interesting feature, of course, is that Germany this time takes £10,000,000. Consequently London has not to provide so much. We take £10,000,000, and New York takes £10,000,000. It is a 4½ per cent. loan at 90, or the same terms as the last one, and is a second charge on the tobacco monopoly revenue. One effect of the loan was to cause foreign firms to sell bills of exchange in London in order to provide money to take up the Continental portion. The last issue is well maintained at 2½ premium.

WARING AND GILLOW ISSUE.

Several Corporation loans are spoken about. Certainly the success which has met most recent issues is encouraging for would-be borrowers. Even the industrials have not had such a bad reception.

It will be interesting to see what sort of a reception Waring and Gillow issue has. The firm has been a fairly considerable borrower of recent years, and its extensive building operations and bold launching out lend a speculative flavour to the enterprise, and it will be interesting to notice whether the public are in a mood to take risks of the kind, as well as in a mood to absorb the more sober investment issues. Questions of depreciation on a big scale and ample provision for reserves must be allowed for before favourably regarding these huge and somewhat speculative industrial concerns.

Consols to-day were at one time up to 90½, and they closed a fairly firm market at 90 3/16. Recent nervousness is evidently being got over, thanks to the anticipations of cheap money conditions. Even Home Rails continue to show a stiffer front, though, of course, on the eve of the carry-over not much business was to be looked for. Brighton "A" was lower on a disappointing traffic.

KAFFIRS SHOW RECOVERY.

Foreign Rails have for a long time past been the cheery market section that has promised profits to investors and speculators. It keeps up its reputation. Very few prices show any signs of giving way so far. There is more nibbling in the Argentine and Mexican groups, and Mexican Centrals are cheered up by the wonderful earnings statement for the month of May, showing a heavy decrease in operating expenses, and a net earnings increase of no less than \$324,000. The Brazilian traffics keep good, the San Paulo showing to-day being excellent.

Except the recovery in Kaffirs there was very little to notice in the mining sections. Great Boulders at 24s. 6d. were the best feature in Westralians, on a satisfactory cablegram from the 1,900-foot level and the crushing. West Africans were sold. A breakdown of the pumping plant hampered the Akrokreri. Among South African mines the Forges Randfontein mill has been started.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"BLIND POOL" (Dux): On no account support the "Financial Guardian" with cat proposals. Such guarantees are worthless.—SWEETMEATS (L. K.): Very doubtful.—WESTMINSTER ELECTRIC (F. A.): We think the decline a good opportunity to buy.

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## IN FOR A BAD TIME.

WE are just beginning to realise what Russians mean when they say that the country is not yet ripe for revolution, and the people a long way from being fitted for self-government.

The present system is a bad one, no doubt. It is based on shams and it breeds shams. The Tsar's pretence of being appointed by Heaven to rule over hundreds of millions of people is ludicrous in view of his inability to act with decision or even to speak with common sense.

But suppose the present system cast down, what is to follow? The revolutionaries seem to be mere windbags. They are as poor creatures as their Tsar whom they denounce in such inflated terms. Could anything be more contemptible than the Kniaz Potemkin and Georges Pobiedonosts episode, for example? Having got possession of two battalions, the revolutionaries had no idea what to do with them. One crew caved in at once. The other drifted aimlessly around and then scuttled for their lives, leaving their ship behind.

Poor Russia! She is in a bad way. With distracted, incompetent rulers above and feather-headed, incapable revolutionaries below, the hard-working, law-abiding classes in between are likely to have an unquiet time.

H. H. F.

## TOO OLD AT SIXTY.

There is much talk about the Volunteers just now but very little enlightenment to be gained from it.

Take the remarks of Dr. Miller Maguire on the limitation of the age of Volunteers to forty-five. He says very truly that many of the Prussians who fought against Napoleon in 1813 were over sixty, that some of the most desperate fighters among the Boers were over sixty, that in Canada the age-limit is sixty, and that Pathans and Arabs are often at their best as fighting men even after they have passed that age.

What has all this got to do with the question of Volunteers in this country? The Boers and the Canadian farmers and the Arabs and the hill tribes of India all lead active, open-air lives, like the Prussian peasants who fought against Napoleon.

Men who live cooped up in crowded cities, taking no exercise to speak of, sitting all day at a desk, breathing poisoned air, with nerves weakened by perpetual rush and rattle, and every vital energy depressed by their artificial environment—what are they like at sixty? They are old, tired, worn-out men. And it is from the ranks of city-workers that the Volunteers are principally drawn.

One good thing all the nonsense talked about the Volunteers is doing. It is bringing us nearer to Universal Military Service, or, as it has been paradoxically called, Compulsory Volunteering. For home defence we have the Navy, but if we are to keep up the balance of power in Europe and prevent Germany from becoming supreme on the Continent, we must have a Continental Army.

Universal Service will give us that and will enormously improve the nation (both morally and physically) as well.

B. R.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

The moment of success is the touchstone to the human character.—*Whyte Melville.*

# THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE King and Queen are to dine with the Duke and Duchess of Wellington at Apsley House on the 17th. This is the first time their Majesties have honoured the Duke and Duchess by their presence at any entertainment, at least since they succeeded to their present title. The Duke, when Lord Arthur Wellesley, was a very prominent member of the Household Brigade, and has seen active service. The Duchess is to give an evening party to-morrow night, and in a week or two's time will leave Apsley House for the country.

Sir John and Lady French will to-day and to-morrow receive many people at Government House for lunch and dinner, and the afternoon and evening of both days will see a great attendance of people not only from Aldershot, but from London, to witness the military fête which takes place in the grounds of Government House. There will be musical rides by some of the Cavalry now stationed at Aldershot, as well as a grand military tattoo and military sports.

Any day this week Lord and Lady Chylesmore will be glad to welcome their friends to tea at Bisleys Camp, over which Lord Chylesmore once

his fist down with a crash on to the hat of the King, who sat in front of him one day in the House and thus had an opportunity of feeling the full force of Lord Wemyss's arguments. His practical genius was displayed moreover when he was leading some Volunteers down Fleet-street and wanted them to "right wheel." They failed to understand the command, so their captain roared out in a cheerful tone: "Hang it all! Go up Fetter-lane," which was sufficiently explicit if not particularly military. Lord Wemyss has six children. His eldest son, Lord Elcho, is well known in the world of politics.

Lady Amherst of Hackney, who laid the foundation-stone of the Nurses' Home of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children in the Hackney-road yesterday, is a very philanthropic person. She was a Miss Margaret Mitford, and is an unmistakably clever woman. One of her talents is the rare and original one of being able to stuff wild birds and beasts—an operation which demands great skill. Lady Amherst's house, Dillingham Hall, Norfolk, is full of evidences of her proficiency in the art of the taxidermist.

D'Il'ng on Hall's need a kind of museum. Lord Amherst is a keen collector of Egyptian and Assy-

the house and its garden, which was in his time much more extensive than it is now. The rooms were crammed with old, worm-eaten furniture, suits of armour, bronzes, china. In the midst of it all Rossetti dreamed the time away with his "skeleton in the cupboard," as he called it, that is, his bottle of chloral, which he used to cure insomnia.

Lord and Lady Crichton have received many congratulations on the birth of a little daughter, which happy event happened on Saturday last at 19, Great Canons-place. There had, of course, been great hopes that the latest arrival would have been a boy, as, unfortunately, they lost their first child, a little boy, a few days after his birth. Lord Crichton and his wife are one of the happiest and most popular couples in London. He is tall, fair, and very good-looking, and she is also tall, good-looking, but very dark. Lord Crichton is to accompany the Prince and Princess of Wales on their Indian tour this winter.

Mrs. Ralph Vivian, who has recently had the honour of entertaining Prince and Princess Christian and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein at dinner, gives a good many small parties every summer at her beautiful house in Grosvenor-square. Mrs. Vivian is one of the wealthiest of all the American women living in England. She was a widow when she married Colonel Ralph Vivian who is a distinguished officer of the Scots Guards, and her second wedding, in Calvary Church, New York, created a great sensation, as the marriage of people blessed with many dollars always do in America.

Nowadays the East End cannot complain that it is altogether neglected. Ceaseless efforts are made by the Oxford House, by Toynbee Hall, and all the other "settlements" to give its inhabitants a chance of improving themselves. Canon Barnett, one of the most indefatigable of the improvers, has at present an original summer exhibition at the Whitechapel Art Gallery. It is called "Country in Town," and contains specimens of all the plants and flowers grown in London which make the grime of the City more endurable for poor people. It is wonderful how cleverly and patiently flowers are grown in the East End by determined amateur gardeners.

Lord Denman did not remain in South Africa very long, and returns on Saturday to 16, Carlton House-terrace, where he will stay with his wife until the end of the season. He was at one time in the 10th Hussars, and married two years ago the only daughter of Sir Weetman and Lady Pearson.

Mrs. Saxton Noble, who has already given a dance this season, is one of the hostesses of to-morrow night, and is giving a big concert at 69, Eaton-place.

## A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Admiral Caillaud.

HE is the Lord Charles Beresford of France, the popular and gallant host of the English sailors who arrived in Brest yesterday for the long-expected celebrations which are to make the entente cordiale a vital and concrete thing.

He is one of the youngest general officers in the French Navy, being still under sixty which, in these days of longevity, may be considered the summit of man's lifetime. He looks even younger than his age, moreover, and his thickly-growing beard and whiskers are only slightly tinged with grey.

He has held every sort of important position in his profession. He commanded the *Saone* in the Tonkin naval division in 1883, and this, his first important post, led to the command of the armoured cruiser *Vauban*. Then a few years ago he was appointed to the Mediterranean Light Squadron.

One of his most sensational exploits perhaps was his defence of the Paris opera-house against the terrible war of 1870. He took part in the desperate sortie made one December day during the siege and saw fifteen of his brother-officers shot down around him. He himself was badly wounded and left behind when his men retreated—left to die in the snow.

He managed to drag himself to the French ambulance, however, and we may congratulate ourselves that he is here to-day to be the hero of two navies at Brest.

## IN MY GARDEN.

JULY 10.—Yesterday's thunderstorm has made the garden a bright green paradise again. Interesting it was to note the sudden hush of the birds, and to watch thirsty frogs coming out to enjoy the welcome rain.

Although July is not considered one of the best months for floral display (save, of course, that of bedding plants), the garden to-day is full of beauty. Crimson and white ranunculus cover arches with great sprays of bloom. Larkspurs still send up their tall blue spikes.

The Peruvian lily (alstromeria) is a mass of gold, while here are the exquisite Madonna lilies—perhaps the fairest flowers of July.

E. F. T.

## THE ENTENTE CORDIALE HORNPIPE.



Heavy Villain (in the background): I wish I could think of some scheme to spoil their dance!

again rules supreme, but he and Lady Chylesmore will not be in residence this year as they were last. On Friday night the King is expected to visit the camp and witness some interesting shooting competitions.

Those who have seen Mrs. Arthur Paget since her arrival in London are surprised at the wonderful improvement she has made during the last eight months, and there is no doubt that her visit to Berlin has proved more satisfactory than one could have dared to hope for. She is now able to walk for quite an hour a day with the aid of a stick, but she still has to undergo a severe course of massage, which causes the very greatest pain.

The customary title of Grand Old Man certainly belongs by right to the Earl of Wemyss, whose speech on the question of national defence was much admired in the House of Lords yesterday. Lord Wemyss is as straight as some fine old tree, and shows no sign of failing power. Yet he was born in the year 1818, and is therefore in his eighty-eighth year. Most people at that age are rumbling about the wrecks of their former selves, in bath chairs at tedious watering-places. Lord Wemyss is stirring up his colleagues in the Lords with all the ardour of youth.

He has always been energetic and practical—ever since that notable occasion on which he brought

rian relics, and surrounds himself with the dusty relics of civilisations long extinct. Amongst other things he possesses an entire mummy, the mummy of an Egyptian Princess. He has six daughters, and each of them has followed her parents' examples, and chosen some hobby to fill her life. One of them, who married Captain Drummond, formerly of the Grenadier Guards, is a learned geologist, and the others devote themselves to poultry farming, to horticulture, sculpture, or bookbinding. This is certainly an industrious family.

One of the most interesting houses in all London is Queen's House, Embankment, which has just been taken by Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Blumenthal, who gave a garden-party there the other day. Anyone who lives there must feel that the place is delightfully haunted by the ghost of Dante Gabriel Rossetti, who lived in it for years. At the back of the house, looking out into the garden, is a large room, which Rossetti used as his studio, and on the first floor is a charming drawing-room, which used to have a kind of raised platform well adapted for private theatricals. A performance of Maeterlinck's "Mona Vanna" was given a year or two ago by his wife, Mme. Georgette Le Blanc, in this room.

Mr. Hall Caine in his intensely interesting "Recollections of Rossetti" has described the mysterious life the great poet and painter lived there during his later days. For years he never moved outside



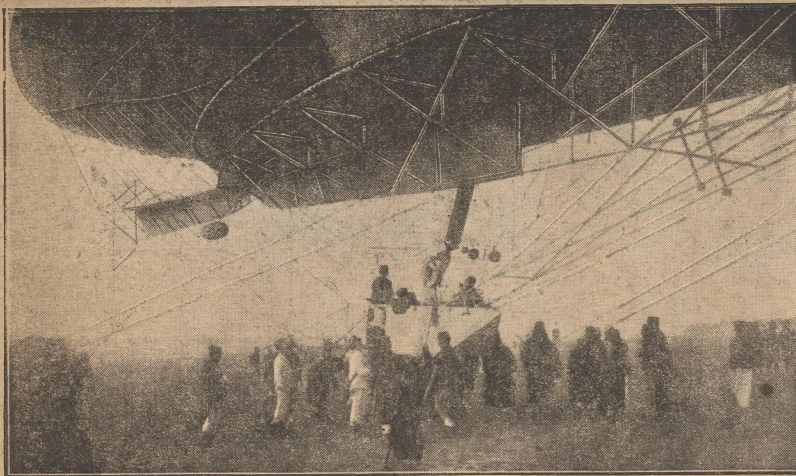
# PHOTOGRAPHS of the NEWS

TO-DAY'S DOUBLE WEDDING AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.



Two of Queen Alexandra's maids of honour are to be married in the Private Chapel at Buckingham Palace. They each receive, as is customary, a dowry of £1,000 from her Majesty. The Hon. Mary Dyke (on the left) is to be married to Captain Bell, and the Hon. Dorothy Vivian (in the centre) marries Major-General Douglas Haig (on the right). It is the first time that any other than a royal wedding has taken place in the Chapel.—(Langher—Barnett.)

ACROSS FRANCE BY AIRSHIP.



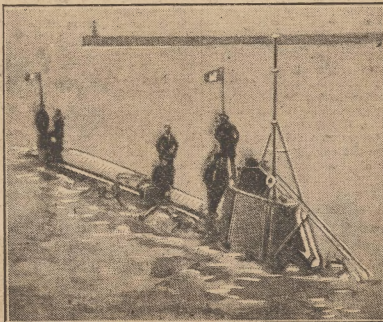
M. Lebaudy's military airship has aroused the keenest interest among army men in France, and its successful performances during its aerial journey across France will not pass unnoticed by the military authorities on this side of the Channel. It proved to be under complete control, even with a strong breeze blowing. A French engineer officer and two assistants constituted the crew.

BURNT-OUT "HYDRO" AT PEEBLES.



The ruins of the magnificent hydropathic establishment at Peebles which has just been completely gutted by fire. The damage done represents a value of more than £100,000.

FRENCH SAILORS' STEEL TOMB.



The French submarine Farfadet, which lies forty feet beneath the waters of the Bay of Bizerta with ten of her crew on board. All hope of saving the men has been abandoned.

## JAPANESE attack the CON



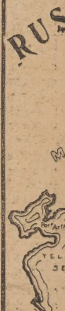
Female convicts carrying flour in Saghalien. They are treated with the same severity as the men. The death rate is terrible, but there are constant fresh arrivals from Russia.



A convict gang in Saghalien during the rest hour. A section of the garrison is on the right of the photograph. There are some 23,000 convicts in the garrison. The garrison is believed not to number more than 10,000 men.



Guards searching convicts who have been labouring in the open before they re-enter the prison for the night, in order that they may not carry in anything that can be used as a weapon.



Saghalien. Japanese long, and Russians.



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Convict water-carriers in Saghalien. Only the very worst of criminal and political offenders are sent to the Far Eastern island, which is the most dreaded of Russia's penal settlements.



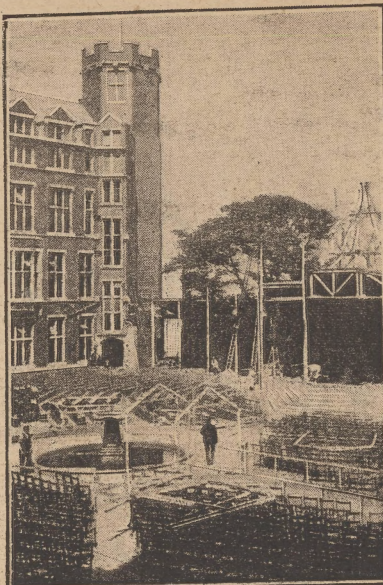
Fixed rifle and fixed bayonet will be noticed in the rear of the group of victims in Saghalien, and no fewer than 8,000 of them are murderers. The Japanese should find it an easy task to overcome any resistance of the island.



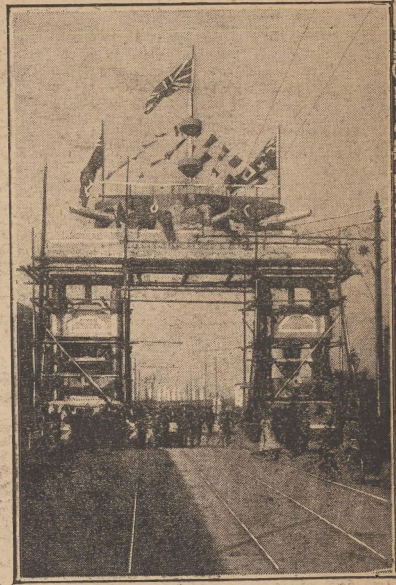
Children of prisoners learning carpentering in one of the convict establishments of Saghalien. When they are grown up they are not allowed to leave the island without special permit.

capture of the island 600 miles from Japan. It is believed that the Japanese will capture the island.

# SHEFFIELD prepares for the ROYAL VISIT

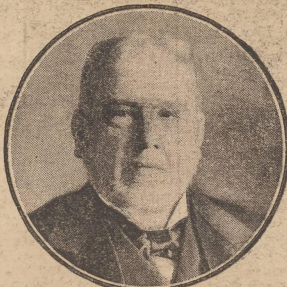


Preparing for the visit of the King and Queen to Sheffield to-morrow. Erecting the royal stand in the quadrangle of Sheffield University.



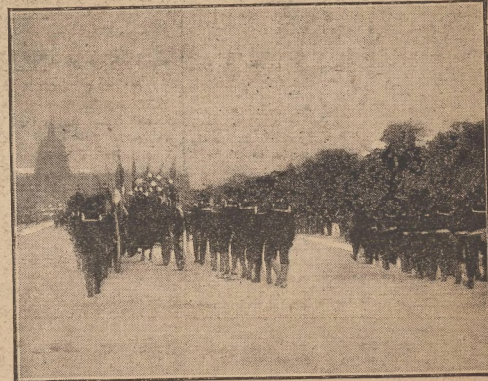
Naval arch erected in Savile-street, Sheffield, on the way to Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim's famous works.

## BAPTIST PRESIDENT.



Judge W. Willis, K.C., president of the Baptist World Congress, which opens at Exeter Hall to-day. Two thousand delegates from all parts of the world will be present.—(Haines.)

## HONOURING FIRST AMERICAN ADMIRAL.

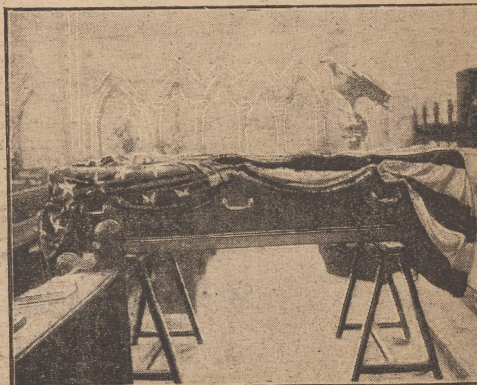


The remains of Paul Jones, the father of the American navy, who was buried in Paris 113 years ago, left French soil yesterday for conveyance to America.

## PONDER'S END FLOODED.



The effect of Sunday's storm has been to convert some of the streets of Ponder's End into lakes.



The coffin containing the remains of Admiral Paul Jones lying in state in the American chapel in Paris, prior to removal to Cherbourg, where the U.S. cruiser Brooklyn was waiting to take them across the Atlantic.



## HOLIDAYS IN GREAT BUSINESS HOUSES.

Hard-Worked Railway Porters Who Get Only Four Days a Year.

## BRAIN REST NECESSARY.

Some people have too many holidays—the great majority have too few. It is quite a wonder, though, that those whose business is work that must always go on (whether they are there to do it or not) should ever get the respite of a holiday at all.

Some big houses take the position that holidays for their employees are a necessary part of their success. Others, and the railway companies must be included, seem to have forgotten that all work and no play is a very bad policy.

The Bank of England makes holidays obligatory on its staff of over 1,100 men (in London and branches) and its average length of holiday is three weeks. Porters and printers' boys have less. Leave is being given at the Bank pretty well all the year round, but winter leave does not fall to the same man more often than once in four years.

At the General Post Office leave is being given over eight months of the year, beginning in March. The telegraphists are the only people in the postal service who have to take their holidays in the winter four months.

### THE HUMAN HIVE.

The place hums like a hive, and smells like a hospital, and one looks down from galleries upon sorting-rooms where are thousands upon thousands of letters and hundreds of operatives. It is difficult to imagine how the rapid work of such rapid sorters (speaking of one class only) can be even temporarily repeated.

There is an authorised reserve auxiliary to fill the gaps made by annual leave, occasional sickness, and to augment the forces of the postal service at Christmas. On the upper ranks of postal service the holiday may be a month long, graduating down to two weeks. Postmen, of whom 7,800 are full duty men, an additional 2,850 given only from three to five hours daily, have a fortnight in the year, and some 4,800 messenger boys have twelve days' allowance. There are, of course, many departments in the Post Office; the secretary's office is one, money order and telephone and the savings bank are others. These make their own separate arrangements, and the above statements about holidays, although in the main applicable to them, are given here as concerning just the whole of the London postal service employees proper—viz., 28,000 persons.

Generally speaking, the greater the responsibility, and the longer the service, the larger the choice allowed in the matter of holiday. This is markedly the case in the Prudential Assurance management, one of the largest of existing such companies. There one man who has thirty or forty years' service behind him has his five or six weeks. A man of fourteen years' service has three weeks; others, two.

At Gamage's a clerk of two years' service may take his pay in advance the day he leaves for his holiday. The employees in departments whose slack time is regulated by trade considerations are given leave during July, August, and September. All holidays are over by October 16 at Gamage's, for then everybody has to be on hand receiving the Christmas toys, which are bought every March for sale the following December.

There are 350 men and girls on Gamage's permanent staff, and the number of the number have their holidays from August 12. Twelve months' service at the great toy depot entitles to sixteen days' holiday. Six months' service one week.

### THE WORSE FOR THEIR HOLIDAY.

The chief cannot be spared, save for week-ends, and he prefers to allow his boys in that way. Mr. Gamage thinks many of his men come back looking not better but worse for their holiday, and he believes it is because they have missed their good food cooked by his chef.

Marshall and Snelgrove have some 900 employees, and directly after the sale is over—that is the end of August—quite half of them are sent on their holidays. Sixteen days is the average length given, but buyers and senior men have three weeks.

Other rich, steady, dividend-paying railway companies and refreshment contractors seem to be the organisations that should reform their holiday arrangements.

The upper and clerical workers have anything from two to four weeks, but what about the waiter in the restaurant? He has served for ten years, and his title to a holiday is a mean two weeks. Or his service is five years, and he has one week of freedom in the year that he can call his own.

Then the ticket inspectors and foremen have a meagre seven days' allowance. The woman in a waiting-room who has served the company faithfully for twenty-one years has four days, or seven if she pays another woman for the extra three days' duty. The girl in the bar has only one week's respite from her dispiriting labours. And it will be news to most people that even good friends of the railway have only four days in the year during any month, not July, August, or September, when his alacrity and handiness are not at the bidding of the baggage-laden traveller.

## THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

### WHICH LINE IS THIS?

I read your paragraph about the pigeon which flew into a Brighton Company's railway carriage. I had a similar experience myself once on another famous southern railway.

I was travelling by one of your noted express trains when a cow walked into my compartment and seated itself by my side for some little time; then it politely got up and stepped out again. N. R.

### MUNICIPAL VAGARIES.

The Brighton Corporation decided to expend some £4,000 in specially preparing a road for motor races. The Local Government Board very properly refused to permit them to raise a loan for this purpose and the money will be obtained by increase in the rates.

It is currently reported that all the best positions for viewing the races have been assigned to the Automobile Club, and thus the possibility of recovering this outlay by the sale of seats, etc., has been very seriously diminished if not entirely destroyed. Comment is superfluous.

### DISGUISTED RATEPAVER.

### COLOUR-BLIND MOTOR-MEN.

All motor-men on the London County Council tramways are going through an eye-test, and in many cases they are pronounced to be colour-blind. It is my firm belief (by the way that in most cases they are ignorant of colours, and not colour-blind).

In many cases where they fail the Council find the pointman's job at places where the least slip on the pointman's part would mean a serious collision. It seems curious that if these men's eyes are good enough for the responsible position of pointmen they are not good enough for motor-men.

### MOTOR-MAN.

### A NATIONAL PERIL.

I should like to join with Lady Seafield and others in offering my congratulations to you on your outspoken article on the drink question as it affects women; also on your article in which you urge greater consideration for the needy poor by the rich.

I recognise how powerful is the Press to mitigate, if not to remove, many of the social evils that afflict mankind. R. WARD.

## MODERN METHUSALEH.

Cimean Veteran, the Oldest Man in the World, Dies in His 124th Year.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Moscow, Monday.—Andrei Nikolaieff Schmidt, the oldest man in the world, is dead at Rostoff, on the Don.

No doubt can be cast upon Schmidt's great age, for when, a year ago, he wrote to the Tsar begging to be sent to the front "in any capacity," the authorities in St. Petersburg verified his papers, which proved conclusively that the veteran was indeed born in 1782.

Schmidt's life was a curiously mixed one. He saw many ups and downs. In 1812 he fought under Souvoroff, and it was one of the old man's pleasures to talk of how he saved the life of Admiral Nakhimoff before Sevastopol. In 1840, when sixty-four years old, Schmidt, for his twenty years had been employed as a prison-warder, was sent to thirty years' penal servitude in Siberia for permitting a beautiful eighteen-year-old girl, an important political prisoner, to escape. The rigours of the Siberian climate appear to have given the veteran a new lease of life, for, while a convict at Tobolsk, he married his fifth wife.

A Moscow showman has offered the great-grandson of this record centenarian 800 roubles for the dead man's body, which he proposes to have embalmed, with a view to its exhibition in his museum. Schmidt's body would not be out of place in any collection of curiosities, for tattooed across his chest appear the names and dates of death of the seven wives who shared sections of his long and eventful life.

### SOCIAL POWER OF A CATARACT.

For a time we stood without uttering a single word, stunned to silence by the incomparable majesty of the mighty cataract. The American was the first to speak.

"What a waste!" he exclaimed, with profound emotion.

He made a few hasty figures on a scrap of paper which he had in his hand.

"Do you know," he said, looking up for a moment, with flushed face and brightening eye, "there's power enough here, if it were to be converted into electricity and applied to industrial uses, to earn money enough to force ten American families of three daughters each, or fifteen American families of two daughters each, into English society?"

Under the spell of that vast mass of falling water we could believe him. Anything seemed possible. Adapted from "Puck."

## ONE FALSE STEP.

BY HENRY FARMER.

### CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

FRANK CHESTER.—A young man who comes to London after a University career. He is to be given a substantial living by the great Vincent Devenish—the chance of a lifetime.

TOM MAYFIELD.—An old schoolfellow of Frank Chester, heavily in debt.

QUEENIE MAYFIELD.—Tom's sister. An orphan she has started in business as a florist and table decorator, in which she is succeeding.

MR. DEXTER.—The ubiquitous, billy cashier in the office of Vincent Devenish.

EVE DAINTREE.—The young widow daughter of Vincent Devenish, and heir to his wealth.

HESPER MORDAUNT.—Stockbroker, by whom Tom Mayfield is employed.

VINCENT DEVENISH.—Of the Blue Star Line. A commercial and financial magnate.

Frank Chester came to London to have an interview with the great Vincent Devenish, of the Blue Star Line, who had offered him a start in life.

During the interview Devenish is called away for a moment, and Chester catches sight of the bank-notes for £20,000 which Mr. Dexter, the great man's cashier, had left upon the table, done up in parcels of £5,000 each.

Fascinated by the sight of so much money, Chester makes his first step. He takes up one of the parcels of notes to experience the sensation of handling so much money, and before he can replace them Eve Daintree, Devenish's daughter, who is already known to him, enters.

Chester, in his confusion, thrusts the notes into his pocket, and during the whole interview with Mrs. Devenish has no opportunity of returning them.

He is therefore reduced to confiding the notes, when he leaves Devenish's office, to his friend, Tom Mayfield, who suggests a means of retaining them.

Mayfield disappears altogether, however, and Chester, for the falling out with Devenish is only kept up by Queenie Mayfield, Tom's sister, who persuades him to wait for Tom's return until the morning.

Mr. Dexter, the cashier, appears. He explains that he has the accidental theft, and offers to lend Chester £2,000 in exchange for an I.O.U. He declares that this will be an excellent thing, since Chester is certain to become his employer, and to marry the daughter of Devenish.

Chester falls into the trap, and thus slings a mill-stone round his neck.

Meanwhile Queenie Mayfield warns him mysteriously of the power of Devenish's power, and her hatred for Dexter when she meets Chester at Devenish's office in the morning.

It soon becomes evident that both Eve Daintree and Queenie Mayfield are falling in love with Chester.

But she had no reason for her recovery from the river of the body of a well-dressed man. The news is unavoidably connected by them with the mysterious disappearance of Tom Mayfield.

## CHAPTER XI. (Continued).

Another outburst of laughter from the shop!

The young "blood" with a monochrome was indulging in further witicism, referring to Jack Pollie Peyton seriously. Under ordinary circumstances the good-natured "ragging" to which she was being subjected would have amused her; but now, knowing of that silent, tragic figure in the office beyond, it only maddened her. For she worshipped Queenie, and was great friends with her brother. But she had no reason for her recovery from the river of the body of a well-dressed man. The news is unavoidably connected by them with the mysterious disappearance of Tom Mayfield.

She had been looking forward to the outing very much indeed. But there was no nonsense about Pollie. When a man made himself nice, she did it. But she had no reason for her recovery from the river of the body of a well-dressed man. The news is unavoidably connected by them with the mysterious disappearance of Tom Mayfield.

She applied to her platonic friendship, much used by men and women as a clumsy and transparent covering to deeper feelings. Plain "friendship" was good enough for Pollie.

Whatever the cause of Queenie's trouble, she associated it with the young man who, after announcing himself an old friend of Queenie's hurried into, and soon after hurried out of, the office. She was not even acquainted with Chester's name. A woman, angered or in distress, is generally illogical. Pollie Peyton not only associated Chester with Queenie's misery, but held him responsible for it.

She could have screamed at the youth who was now bombarding her with his innate witicism, and they were only stopped by the entrance of a customer, with a self-conscious manner, who ordered a costly bouquet to be sent round to the Society stage-door, not a minute later than 9.30.

The exquisite departed. The bashful youth, who worshipped at the shrine of a musical comedy actress, gave place to an aggressive-voiced, insolent society dame, who changed her mind a dozen times, treated Pollie Peyton like dirt, and finally departed without making a purchase, saying that she could obtain what she wanted much cheaper elsewhere. It was the busy hour.

An enamelled and dyed old beau, at three-score years and ten a withered bundle of decrepit vice, was leering at Pollie and asking where the little fair-haired girl was—old vice is partial to young innocence—when a hansom dashed up to the shop, and Chester sprang out.

The old beau's early Victorian whiskers stared at him as he passed straight through into the inner office.

"The door closed with a snap."

"Who's that, eh?" asked the wicked old man.

"The man who finds the money?"

But he was compelled to yield his place to three women of whom he was nursing a ridiculous, silver-lining rate of a dog, who rustled into the shop and distracted and demanded Pollie's attention. Business is business, and the woman in the shop,

(Continued on page 11.)

## THE NATIONAL GALLERY

There are few more fascinating pictures in our great national collection than the exquisite portraits of English ladies painted by Reynolds, Gainsborough, Romney, and Lawrence. As you look at these glorious canvases, which have for ever immortalised their painters, the conviction of the ravishing beauty of Englishwomen will be irresistibly fixed on the mind of the spectator. If, turning away from the pictures, one attempts to analyse the secret of the charm, it will be found that much of it is due to the beautiful, healthy spotlessness of the complexion, which is so characteristic of Englishwomen in all ranks of society.

### THE CHARM OF A BEAUTIFUL SKIN

The beauty of the English complexion is proverbial; even among people of other lands. Foreign comic artists caricature the looks of English people. They represent Englishwomen as possessing teeth like rabbits, boots like boats, and clothes like scarecrows; but they cannot deny the charm of the English complexion. It is wonderful, too, what a difference a good complexion makes, and the marvellous change for the worse caused by there being spots, redness and roughness, or breakings out on the skin. It behoves everyone who values their appearance to immediately attend to their skin, and if it is in ill-health to take immediate steps to restore it to health and beauty.

### BAD SKINS MADE HEALTHY

If we said all that could be said in favour of "Antexema" our readers would think we were exaggerating. The cures it has worked are so wonderful that unless the letters we had received were actually seen, any description of their contents would be incredible. Let it be remembered that "Antexema" cures every form of skin trouble, and removes skin irritation the moment it is applied. Some people use "Antexema" for sunburn, others for insect bites or chafed skin. "Antexema" is used by mothers for the skin troubles of their babies, suffers from various forms of eczema use it for their painful and often disfiguring affection, but whatever the form of skin illness you can be perfectly certain "Antexema" will cure you.

### HOW "ANTEXEMA" CURES

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The scene when the resolution was put to the crowd in Hyde Park. It accepted the Unemployed Bill in part, but suggested that it should apply to the whole country instead of only to London.

## ONE FALSE STEP.

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like the woman on the stage, often plays her part with an aching heart.

The unceasing roar of Piccadilly traffic, the women's loud, insolent voices, and the yapping of the toy-dog that had taken a dislike to the old beau, swallowed up the faint cry that came from the office.

A woman's "Thank Heaven!"

The battered thing lying on a slab in the riverside mortuary was not Tom Mayfield. Tom Mayfield's hair was dark, not red. Chester had told Queenie this in one sharply jerked out monosyllable—"No."

The question of what had become of Mayfield was still unanswered. As well as chalking a triangular problem on his blackboard, Fate was asking a riddle.

"We must talk things over, little woman," he continued, "and must do our best to look at things in a matter-of-fact way. Shall we be free from interruption here?"

"Yes."

"The missing notes," Chester went on, dropping his voice to a quiet whisper, "were made good this morning by Mr. Dexter."

"I know that you've good reason for disliking the man," he resumed, "and this alone would make the obligation under which he has placed me jar badly."

"It does jar then?" she whispered quickly. "And there is some other reason? Has someone else warned you against him?"

But Chester felt bound to treat Eve Daintree's confidence as sacred.

He took Queenie's hands in his own firm, clean grip. There was a blending of reverence and strength in his touch.

"You see," he continued; "now that the missing notes have been made good our hands are to a certain extent untied. Before that, to have searched for Tom might have been to put others on his track. I'm withholding my judgment; but we must take into consideration every probability."

He was telling her as best he could that the possibility of her brother having yielded to a sudden temptation must be taken into their calculations.

"Supposing he had been robbed and—and stunned, and there was nothing about him to identify him"—Chester was speaking more rapidly now in his anxiety to get over painful ground as quickly as possible—"every police-station in London would have been furnished with particulars of an unidentified man. I'm going to Bow-street. I happen to know an Inspector Warrington there."

"I shall merely tell him that I'm a little anxious about a friend of mine who ought to have met me last night—"

But the telephone bell in the shop whirled out shrilly, and interrupted him. Before he could continue, there was a knock on the door. Queenie answered it. Pollie Peyton searched the girl's white face before speaking, and was much relieved.

Mrs. Daintree wants to speak to you on the 'phone," she explained rapidly. "I told her you were engaged for the moment. She said you were to have been at Devenish House at six o'clock."

Queenie had forgotten both time and her business appointment. So also Chester. But, now, reminded of his invitation to dine, he glanced at his watch. It was ten minutes past six.

"Do you feel up to going, Queenie?" whispered Pollie Peyton. "Shall I go for you?"

"No, no," replied Queenie quickly. "I'll go. Say I'll be there as soon as possible. It'll do me good."

"Just one last word," added Chester. "If anyone asks for your brother it will be enough if you say that he's away, and you're not sure when he will be returning."

## CHAPTER XII.

Queenie, working desperately against time, was rapidly transforming the dining-table at Devenish House from a formal stretch of white, silver, and glittering glass into a soft harmony of lovely colour. Two superb footmen stood by, ready to lend assistance, whilst an awe-inspiring butler, with a Napoleonic cast of countenance, occasionally entered the room and surveyed proceedings with the comprehensive eye of a general in command. Stalwart footmen had been known to lose their nerve under the great man's glance.

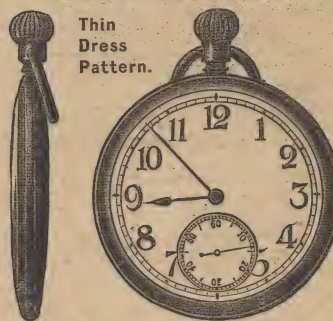
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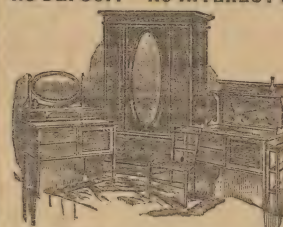
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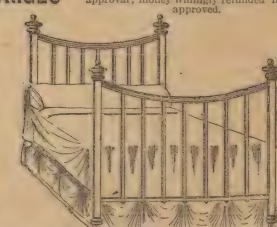


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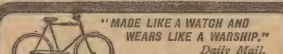
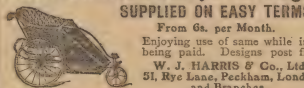
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It is astounding to learn that it is more than twenty years since Miss Harris Smith entered upon her career. The thought fills us with admiration, for we know how great must have been the difficulties in the path of a pioneer such as she was. Members of the stronger sex in the same ranks have, moreover, persistently refused to hold out the hand of fellowship to her, though she has proved herself worthy of it. Three times she has applied for admission to the Society of Accountants and Auditors, and twice she has applied to the Institute of Chartered Accountants. But in every case she has been refused on account of her sex. She is undaunted, however, and probably will win in the end.

#### Equipment for Her Calling.

Apart from her co-professionals, however, other men have shown themselves glad to profit by the use of her services. She thought at first that her chief clients would be among women who had started business, but, as a matter of fact, they are mostly among men. Indeed, she now includes in her clientele a number of important business and professional firms as well as companies and societies both in London and the provinces.

That she must at least have had a father in the same profession to initiate her and give her a start was naturally the conclusion to which Miss Harris Smith's interviewer was forced. This is not the case, however, as she is the daughter of a managing partner in a private bank. Her father, however, possessed the gift for accounting which his daughter inherits. By him she was given an insight into the mysteries of advanced book-keeping. Then, after a course of instruction from the mathematical master of King's College she had the good fortune to be appointed accountant to a large mercantile firm. This was the first step in her wonderfully successful career. Ever since her first start she has spared neither time, trouble, nor expense to become a good, all-round accountant. She is well-known figure in the City, where report speaks well of her talents and capabilities.

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## ONE FALSE STEP.

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sweeping rustle of a woman's gown reached her ears.

It was Eve Daintree. Queenie, who had made great haste, was inclined to be hot. Her rebellious hair was not quite as orderly as it might have been. It had a way of straying at the slightest provocation. She was wearing the simple black dress that she wore in business hours. The thorn of a rose had torn one of her fingers, and she had wrapped it round with her handkerchief.

For a moment she felt at a disadvantage in the presence of the proud-featured, reposeful woman, exquisitely gowned and with diamonds gleaming on her white throat and in her dark hair, who was looking at her with a distant expression.

"It's very nice," said Eve with a careless glance at Queenie's towards each other; yet, withal, a feeling of mutual admiration as well. Queenie appreciated, and had always appreciated, the beauty and the easy, proud grace of Eve Daintree;

"I was exceedingly sorry to be late," replied Queenie, with all the dignity at her command—she was not a servant, "but I was detained."

They were both sub-conscious of a curious feeling of antagonism towards each other; yet, withal, a feeling of mutual admiration as well. Queenie appreciated, and had always appreciated, the beauty and the easy, proud grace of Eve Daintree;

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and Eve admitted to herself the charm of Queenie's winsome, self-reliant face, and its fair setting of hair; but she had received a false impression that morning when she entered the flower-shop. She could not understand any self-respecting, well-bred girl complacently submitting to the familiarities of an odious and detestable creature like Daintree. Nor had the reflection in the mirror of Frank Chester shaking hands with the girl particularly pleased her, though this was an admission that she hardly liked making, even to herself. She despised pettiness in herself as well as in others. And—her eyes rested again on Queenie's white, tired face and—it argued jealousy.

Eve's heart was, in fact, experiencing a strange unrest. She associated girlish sentimental memories with Frank Chester; but much had happened since those Oxford days. She had loved and married, and had suffered as only she herself knew, and had been cruelly disillusioned. Before Chester's return into her life she believed that she had done with love for ever. But she had been exceedingly anxious to make a good impression on Chester, to win him over to her side—for her father's sake. She respected him, admired him, believed him to be a man of integrity, and this was the man, of all men, who was needed to give battle to the men, whom she knew, though she could not prove it, were taking advantage of her father's failing health. Again and again she had tried to open her father's eyes, but there was a strong vein of obstinacy in Vincent Daintree's nature. He believed too much in himself. He worshipped Eve; but he could not conceive her being endowed with sister instincts than himself. Her animosity and distrust for Dexter were due

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to a woman's prejudice. Dexter might just miss being a gentleman, and his presumption at one time to pay marked attention to Eve must have been exceedingly objectionable to a woman of her proud nature; but Daintree was deeply indebted to Dexter for having opened his eyes to his son-in-law's real character, and for holding his tongue when speech would have brought shame and humiliation on the family name. Dexter might not be a brilliant man, and he had climbed as far as he would go in life; but he was useful, and he was keeping a secret for his employer.

So, Dexter being out of the question, Vincent Daintree was casting about for him someone to fill the place that Cecil Daintree should have filled when Chester appeared on the scene. Daintree believed him to be the right man, and he was also contemplating the possibility of Chester making good the misery that Eve had suffered at Cecil Daintree's hands. He wanted his daughter to marry again. He wanted grandchildren—boys—who in the fulness of time should gather up the reins that he now controlled.

And Eve knew of this great wish of her father's, and for his sake—few realised the depth of her devotion to her father, she was reserved and did not air it—she had even contemplated a second marriage. A mere coldblooded marriage of convenience might be utterly impossible for a woman of her temperament; but she had admitted the possibility of a marriage founded on mutual respect, admiration, and sympathies and feelings in common. But the right man must be forthcoming.

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GENTLEMEN'S BELTS A SPECIALTY.



CRICKET SCORES.

Great Stand by Arnold and Lilley for the Players - Moderate Play in Other Matches.

(Continued from page 6.)

On the resumption runs came fast, both Lilley and Arnold making some fine blows. The light was not good and rain threatened and even commenced, but the game was continued.

Shortly after five Bosanquet and Hesketh-Prichard were tried for Breatley and Jackson, but runs came quicker than ever, the 300 going up when the game had been going just under four and a half hours.

At 304 Arnold survived one of the most confident appeals for leg-before, from Bosanquet, ever heard. He blew the next for 4. After batting about one and a quarter hours Lilley reached 50 with a neat leg glance to leg off Hesketh-Prichard.

There was some comic business in chasing wickets from Bosanquet which put the crowd into an excellent temper, which was shown by the round of applause accorded Jessop, who relieved Hesketh-Prichard.

Arnold's Beautiful Play.

At 332 Breatley supplanted Bosanquet, and off his first ball caught and bowled Lilley. The outgoing batsman played the right game for his side and his 52 was a most useful contribution. At 349 Arnold's fine effort came to an end. His runs were made chiefly by beautiful cutting and off-driving. This is the man, it must be remembered, who went in last for England. Lees joined Haigh, and the score mounted to 356, when the Yorkshireman played on to Breatley.

Breatley bowled exceedingly well throughout, and, many wickets though he got, might have had them for less runs, as he had bad luck in missing the stumps several times, while he might have caught one or two of the fish who nibbled on the off. The rest of the bowling was not difficult on a very easy wicket.

Gentlemen Batting.

Just two overs, one by Hirst and one by Lees, were bowled in the Gentlemen's innings, and in them Beldam and Warner scored 2 apiece. Then an appeal was made against the light, which was little, if anything, worse than when the Players were batting, and it was successful. This was lucky for the Gentlemen, as there was a quarter of an hour to go—an awkward time that may always mean two wickets.

As it was, Beldam was none too happy to Lees, who looked like having him caught at the wicket once or twice.

At about 6.30 the rain started, and there will probably be a good deal of it. This will not militate against the Gentlemen at all, as, with fine weather, the wicket was likely to be nasty to-day, and sure to be difficult to-morrow.

As the match stands the Players can hardly lose, and with much more rain the Gentlemen should also be safe.

Present score and analysis:—

PLAYERS.	
Harwood, lbw, b Jack-son	32
Bowley, wub, b Prichard	47
Finlayson, c Spooner, b Prichard	5
Breary, b Breatley	29
Hirst, c Evans, b Breatley	4
Total	350

**GENTLEMEN.**  
P. F. Warner, not out, J. G. W. Beldam, not out, 2; total (for 0 wkt.) 4.  
P. S. Jackson, C. B. Fry, B. J. T. Bosanquet, H. Hesketh-Prichard, W. H. B. Evans, H. Martyn, G. L. Jessop, W. Breatley, R. H. Spooner to bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
PLAYERS—First Innings.	
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## 3.10.-ST. ALBANS HANDICAP. A Plate of 500 sovs. The Straight Mile.

St. Albans	5	9	3	Calcutt	5	7	5
St. Albans	5	9	3	Grey Green	4	7	1
St. Albans	5	9	3	Haven's Flight	4	6	10
St. Albans	5	9	3	Pomeroy	4	6	9
St. Albans	5	9	3	Neyland	4	6	9
St. Albans	5	9	3	Scrambler	4	6	9
St. Albans	5	9	3	Queen's Own	3	6	0

3.45.-NETHERFIELD SELLING PLATE of 100 sovs. for two-year-olds; winner to be sold for 50 sovs. Five furlongs, straight.							
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## LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

All aged Plate, Salisbury—Dianford.  
Members: Welter, Salisbury—Mount Prospect, Templeton, and Sun Bonnet.  
Stakes engagements—Peter Jackson, Gay Polly filly, Cortes, and Latona II filly.  
All selling handicaps—Jack Sheppard.  
Newmarket Second July engagements—Curds and Cream and Benedict.  
Lingfield engagements—Long Glen and Gallinawry.  
Sunderland Handicap, Lingfield—Fried.  
Sutton Coldfield, Castle Handicap, Lingfield—Poppits and Jack Sheppard.  
Lingfield Park Plate—John o' Gaunt.  
All published handicaps—Arlene and Salford.  
All engagements in Mr. C. P. Hatfield's name—Viper.  
All engagements in Mr. J. J. Hatfield's name—Poseidon.  
Maiden Handicap, Heywood—Geoffrey.  
Great Central Handicap, Heywood—Palfax.  
All engagements—Aggressor (dead), St. Swithin, and Zinfandel.

The LIST of applications will be CLOSED on or before 13th July, 1905.

## IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

## 4½ PER CENT. STERLING LOAN

(SECOND SERIES)

FOR

£30,000,000

Which is now offered for Subscription in London, New York and Germany.

Created under the Authority of Imperial Ordinances Nos. 194 and 195 of His Majesty the Emperor, both promulgated 3rd July 1905.

Secured by a charge on the Tobacco Monopoly Revenues of the Empire as stated below.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE 90 PER CENT.

Repayable at par 10th July 1925, with option to the Imperial Japanese Government to redeem on or at any time after 10th July 1910, on giving six months' notice.

In Bonds to Bearer of £20, £100 and £500, with half-interest.

In July, Bonds and Coupons payable in London in Sterling.

In New York and United States Dollars at the fixed exchange of 4.87 dol. per Pound Sterling, and in Germany in Reichsmarks at the fixed exchange of M.20.45 per Pound.

Under the authority of the Imperial Japanese Government £10,000,000 of this Loan has been taken by Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb and Co., and will be issued in New York by them, and by the National City Bank, and the National Bank of Commerce, on the terms of this Prospectus.

Under the same authority £10,000,000 of this Loan has been taken and will be issued in Germany on the terms of this Prospectus by Bank für Handel und Industrie, Berlin; Bayerische Hypothek und Wechselbank, München; Messrs. Born and Basse, Messrs. Beltrück, Leo and Co., Deutsche Asiatische Bank, Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank, Nationalbank für Deutschland, Berlin; Norddeutsche Bank in Hamburg; Hamburg, Messrs. B. J. Oppenheim, Junr. and Co., Cologne; A. Schaaffhausen'scher Bankverein, Berlin; Messrs. J. S. H. Stern, Frankfurt-a-M.; and Messrs. M. M. Warburg and Co., Hamburg.

Coupons and Bonds payable in London at the office of The Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, 120, Bishopsgate-street, Within, E.C.2, in New York at the Agency of the Street, 100, Wall-street, and in Germany through the Deutsche Asiatische Bank, Berlin. A Coupon may be 10th January 1906, for interest on instalments will be attached to the Scrip.

PARR'S BANK, LIMITED, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, AND THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Are authorised by the Imperial Japanese Government to issue the above Loan and are prepared to receive subscriptions for £10,000,000 sterling, payable as follows:—

£15 per cent. on Application.

£15 per cent. on 31st August, 1905.

£15 per cent. on 31st September, 1905.

£15 per cent. on 31st October, 1905.

£15 per cent. on 31st November, 1905.

£15 per cent. on 31st December, 1905.

£30 per cent.

Payment in full may be made on allotment under discount at the rate of two per cent. per annum.

The Loan is repayable at par on 10th July, 1925, but the Imperial Japanese Government reserves the right to redeem, at par, all or any of the Bonds on or at any time after the 10th July, 1910, on giving six months' previous notice. Partial redemption in this manner in the usual manner at the office of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, London, and the New York Agency of the same Bank, and Germany at such Agency or Agencies as the Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, shall determine under the instructions of the Imperial Japanese Government.

The Loan is secured both as to Principal and Interest by a charge (limited to £30,000,000 and the interest thereon) upon the annual net revenues of the Imperial Japanese Government Tobacco Monopoly, and subject only to the charge in favour of the prior loan of £30,000,000.

The Imperial Japanese Government has the exclusive right to control the cultivation and production of the leaf, and to purchase, import, manufacture, and sell tobacco within the limits of the Japanese Empire. The estimated net revenue for the fiscal year 1905-6 from this source is Yen 32,014,074, which at exchange of 2s. 0d. per Yen, is equal to £3,267,796 lbs. 8d. The actual receipts for the first quarter have proved very satisfactory.

Scrip Certificates to bearer will be delivered by the issuing Banks as soon as possible, in exchange for the Allotment Letters, accompanied by the Bankers' receipts.

A Coupon for the payment of interest on instalments at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum from their respective dates of payment to 10th January, 1906, will be attached to the Scrip.

The Bonds will be delivered by the issuing Banks in exchange for the Scrip Certificates as soon as practicable after payment of the last instalment.

Application must be made on the annexed form, accompanied by the deposit of £5 per cent.

If no allotment be made, the deposit will be returned in full, and if only a portion of the amount applied for be allotted, the balance of the deposit will be appropriated towards payment of the amount due on allotment.

Failure to pay any of the instalments at one date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

Certified translations of the Imperial Ordinances creating and authorising the issue of the above Bonds may be seen at the Offices of any of the issuing Banks, and the Offices of Messrs. Alfred Bright and Son, Solicitors, 15, Court-street, Mansion House, London, E.C.2, and of Messrs. Stephenson, Harwood, and Co., Solicitors, 31, Lombard-street, E.C.4.

A London Stock Exchange settlement and quotation will be applied for in due course.

Prospectuses and forms of application may be obtained from the issuing Banks, viz., Parr's Bank, Limited, Bartholomew-lane, London, E.C.2, and Branches; the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 31, Lombard-street, London, E.C.4; the Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, 120, Bishopsgate-street Within, London, E.C.2; and from Messrs. Pamour Gordon and Co., Station-court, Threadneedle-street, London, E.C.2.

Subscriptions will also be received on behalf of the issuing Banks by their appointed Agents in Austria-Hungary, Holland, Belgium, and Switzerland.

## COPY OF LETTER

From the fully authorised Special Financial Commissioner of the Imperial Japanese Government.

London, 11th July, 1905.

Gentlemen, I have pleasure in informing you that under the special Authority given to me by the Imperial Japanese Government I approve of the above Prospectus.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) KOREIKO TAKAHASHI,

Vice-Governor of the Bank of Japan, and Special Financial Commissioner of the Imperial Japanese Government.

To Parr's Bank, Limited.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, The Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, London.

FORM OF APPLICATION. TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS.

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ISSUE OF £10,000,000 IN LONDON.

Parr's Bank, Limited, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London.

The Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited.

I (we) request that you will allot to me (us) £..... of the above Loan in accordance with the Prospectus dated July 11, 1905, upon which I (we) have paid the Deposit of £..... being at the rate of 5 per cent. and I (we) engage to accept the same or any less amount which you may allot to me (us), and



